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From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

NOTIFICATION OF THE RECORDING
OF A CHANGE(PCT Rule 92bis.1 and
Administrative Instructions, Section 422)

To:

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Date of mailing (day/month/year) 28 August 2000 (28.08.00)	IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION
Applicant's or agent's file reference PDC/AB/21224	
International application No. PCT/IB99/00303	International filing date (day/month/year) 11 February 1999 (11.02.99)

1. The following indications appeared on record concerning:

☒ the applicant

 ☒ the inventor

 ☐ the agent

 ☐ the common representative

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	Facsimile No.	
	Teleprinter No.	

2. The International Bureau hereby notifies the applicant that the following change has been recorded concerning:

☐ the person

 ☐ the name

 ☒ the address

 ☐ the nationality

 ☐ the residence

Name and Address MAILLARD, Michel 13, avenue du Parc F-78120 Rambouillet France	State of Nationality FR	State of Residence FR
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	Teleprinter No.	

3. Further observations, if necessary:

4. A copy of this notification has been sent to:

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<input type="checkbox"/> the International Searching Authority	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the elected Offices concerned
<input type="checkbox"/> the International Preliminary Examining Authority	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

The International Bureau of WIPO 34, chemin des Colombettes 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland Facsimile No.: (41-22) 740.14.35	Authorized officer I. Britel Telephone No.: (41-22) 338.83.38
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P. ENT COOPERATION TREA

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NOTIFICATION OF ELECTION

(PCT Rule 61.2)

From the INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

To:

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
 United States Patent and Trademark
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in its capacity as elected Office

Date of mailing (day/month/year) 23 August 1999 (23.08.99)	
International application No. PCT/IB99/00303	Applicant's or agent's file reference PDC/AB/21224
International filing date (day/month/year) 11 February 1999 (11.02.99)	Priority date (day/month/year) 13 February 1998 (13.02.98)
Applicant MAILLARD, Michel et al	

1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:

☒ in the demand filed with the International Preliminary Examining Authority on:

04 August 1999 (04.08.99)

☐ in a notice effecting later election filed with the International Bureau on:

2. The election
- ☒
- was

☐ was not

made before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date or, where Rule 32 applies, within the time limit under Rule 32.2(b).

The International Bureau of WIPO 34, chemin des Colombettes 1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland Facsimile No.: (41-22) 740.14.35	Authorized officer S. Mafla Telephone No.: (41-22) 338.83.38
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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference PDC/AB/21224	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/IB 99/ 00303	International filing date (day/month/year) 11/02/1999	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 13/02/1998
Applicant CANAL+ SOCIETE ANONYME et al.		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 2 sheets.

☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

b. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing :

☐ contained in the international application in written form.

☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.

☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.

☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.

☐ the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.

☐ the statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished

2. ☐ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box I).

3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box II).

4. With regard to the **title**,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the **abstract**,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

☒ as suggested by the applicant.

☐ because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

☐ because this figure better characterizes the invention.

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☐ None of the figures.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No

PCT/IB 99/00303

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 6 H04N5/913

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 6 H04N

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	FR 2 732 537 A (CANAL+ SOCIETE ANONYME) 4 October 1996 cited in the application see the whole document ---	1,26-29
A	EP 0 714 204 A (LG ELECTRONICS INC) 29 May 1996 see the whole document ---	1,26-29
A	EP 0 763 936 A (LG ELECTRONICS INC) 19 March 1997 see the whole document -----	1,26-29

☐ Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.☒ Patent family members are listed in annex.

* Special categories of cited documents :

- "A" document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance
- "E" earlier document but published on or after the international filing date
- "L" document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)
- "O" document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means
- "P" document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed

- "T" later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention
- "X" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone
- "Y" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art.
- "&" document member of the same patent family

Date of the actual completion of the international search

7 May 1999

Date of mailing of the international search report

18/05/1999

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

Information on patent family members

International Application No

IB 99/00303

Patent document cited in search report		Publication date	Patent family member(s)	Publication date
FR 2732537	A	04-10-1996	NONE	
EP 714204	A	29-05-1996	CN 1137723 A	11-12-1996
			JP 8242438 A	17-09-1996
			US 5757909 A	26-05-1998
EP 763936	A	19-03-1997	CN 1150738 A	28-05-1997
			JP 9093561 A	04-04-1997
			US 5799081 A	25-08-1998

PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

From the:
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITY

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WRITTEN OPINION

(PCT Rule 66)

<p>To:</p> <p>COZENS, P. MATHYS & SQUIRE 100 Gray's Inn Road London WC1X 8AL GRANDE BRETAGNE</p>		<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> RECEIVED MATHYS & SQUIRE 01 DEC 1999 REPLY DATE <i>29/12/2000</i> <i>Repl. Written Opin</i> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> Date of mailing (day/month/year) </div> <div>29.11.1999</div> </div>	
Applicant's or agent's file reference PDC/AB/21224		REPLY DUE within 3 month(s) from the above date of mailing	
International application No. PCT/IB99/00303	International filing date (day/month/year) 11/02/1999	Priority date (day/month/year) 13/02/1998	
International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC H04N5/913			
Applicant CANAL+ SOCIETE ANONYME et al.			

1. This written opinion is the **first** drawn up by this International Preliminary Examining Authority.
2. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Basis of the opinion
II	<input type="checkbox"/>	Priority
III	<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
IV	<input type="checkbox"/>	Lack of unity of invention
V	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
VI	<input type="checkbox"/>	Certain document cited
VII	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Certain defects in the international application
VIII	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Certain observations on the international application
3. The applicant is hereby **invited to reply** to this opinion.

When? See the time limit indicated above. The applicant may, before the expiration of that time limit, request this Authority to grant an extension, see Rule 66.2(d).

How? By submitting a written reply, accompanied, where appropriate, by amendments, according to Rule 66.3. For the form and the language of the amendments, see Rules 66.8 and 66.9.

Also: For an additional opportunity to submit amendments, see Rule 66.4.
For the examiner's obligation to consider amendments and/or arguments, see Rule 66.4 bis.
For an informal communication with the examiner, see Rule 66.6.

If no reply is filed, the international preliminary examination report will be established on the basis of this opinion.
4. The final date by which the international preliminary examination report must be established according to Rule 69.2 is: **13/06/2000.**

Name and mailing address of the international preliminary examining authority: <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div> European Patent Office D-80298 Munich Tel. +49 89 2399 - 0 Tx: 523656 epmu d Fax: +49 89 2399 - 4465 </div> </div>	Authorized officer / Examiner Revellio, S Formalities officer (incl. extension of time limits) Corcos, E Telephone No. +49 89 2399 7418
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I. Basis of the opinion

1. This opinion has been drawn on the basis of (*substitute sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this opinion as "originally filed".*):

Description, pages:

1-31 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

1-29 as originally filed

Drawings, sheets:

1/15-15/15 as originally filed

2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages:
☐ the claims, Nos.:
☐ the drawings, sheets:

3. This opinion has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

V. Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims 1, 2, 21-29
Inventive step (IS)	Claims 3-20
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

VII. Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:

see separate sheet

VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

see separate sheet

**WRITTEN OPINION
SEPARATE SHEET**

International application No. PCT/IB99/00303

The examination is being carried out on the **following application documents**:

Text for the Contracting States:

AT BE CH DE DK ES FI FR GB GR IT IE LI LU MC NL PT SE

Description, pages:

1-31 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

1-29 as originally filed

Drawings, sheets:

1/15-15/15 as originally filed

The following documents is referred to in this communication; the numbering will be adhered to in the rest of the procedure:

D1: FR-A-2,732,537

D2: EP-A-0 763 936

Section V:

1. Claims 1, 21:

Document D1 is regarded as being the closest prior art to the subject-matter of claim 1, and insofar as this claim can be understood (see Section VIII below), this document shows (the references in parentheses applying to this document) a method of recording transmitted digital data in which transmitted digital information is encrypted and stored (see page 7 line 16-18) on a recording support medium and characterised in that an equivalent of the recording encryption key is encrypted and stored on the support medium together with the encrypted information (see ECM in fig. 2 and page 5, lines 7 to 11).

Since all features of claim 1 are considered to be known from the prior art, the subject-matter of claim 1 cannot be considered as being novel (Art. 33(2) PCT).

The features of the recording means of claim 21 correspond to the method steps of claim 1 in such a way that the objection with respect to novelty likewise applies against present claim 21 (Art. 33(2) PCT).

2. Claims 2 to 20:

The additional features of claim 2 to 20 are either known (see e.g. claim 2: control word information usable to descramble a scrambled data transmission; see deciphering key DCh1 in fig. 1 of document D1) from the prior art documents cited in the International Search Report or generally known in the technical field of cyphering and the inclusion of such features is regarded as part of the customary praxis the skilled person would consider in accordance with circumstances.

Hence, the subject-matter of claims 2 to 20 is not considered to be novel or does not involve an inventive step as required by Articles 33(2) and (3) PCT.

3. Claims 22 to 29:

In as far as these claims can be understood (see Section VIII below) the following remarks are to be made:

A portable security module of the type claimed in claim 22 comprising a recording encryption key and a recording transport key are considered to be known in the prior art (see document D2, smart card 221 in fig. 17 and col. 18, line 43 to col. 19 line 8).

Hence, claim 22 cannot be allowed because of lack of novelty of the subject-matter claimed (Art.33(3) PCT).

The objection raised with respect to claim 22 similarly applies *mutatis mutandis* to claims 23 to 29.

Section VII:

When a new set of claims is filed the applicants should ensure that at least the independent apparatus claim is drafted in the correct two-part form with all the features of the closest prior art document (at present document D1) being comprised in the generic part of the claim (Rule 6.3(b)(i) PCT) and with the remaining features being included in a characterising part (Rule 6.3(b)(ii) PCT).

Section VIII:

1. For the following reasons claims 1, 21 to 29 do not meet the conciseness requirements of Article 6 PCT:

Although these claims have been drafted as separate independent claims, they appear to relate effectively to the same subject-matter or at least having overlapping scope and differ from each other only with regard to the definition of the subject-matter for which protection is sought. The aforementioned claims therefore lack conciseness. Moreover, lack of clarity of the claims as a whole arises, since the plurality of independent claims makes it difficult, if not impossible, to determine the matter for which protection is sought, and places an undue burden on others seeking to establish the extent of the protection.

In this case it appears that one independent method claim and one independent apparatus claim would be sufficient.

2. Clarity (Art. 6 PCT):

2.1 Claims 1 and 21:

It is not clear in which way the recording encryption key and the transport key differ from each other, since both keys are stored on the support medium together with the encrypted information. In this context it is unclear, what is to be understood by "equivalent" of the recording encryption key".

It is further unclear, whether the keys are transmitted together with the encrypted information or not.

Therefore, claims 1 and 21 in their present form cannot be allowed because of lack of clarity (Art. 6 PCT).

2.2 Claims 22 to 29:

The subject-matter of claims 22 to 29 is considered to be undefined, since these claims do not comprise all essential features for carrying out the alleged invention (Art. 6 PCT).

Miscellaneous:

In order to meet the objections set out above, the Applicant is invited to file a set of claims preferably including a single independent claim of each category defining the subject-matter for which protection is sought in the broadest sense. In particular, the features representing the alleged contribution of inventive significance to the art known from the documents cited in the International Search Report should be clearly and completely set out in each independent claim on file.

The Applicant is requested to file amendments by way of replacement pages in the manner stipulated by Rule 66.8(a) PCT. In particular, fair copies of the amendments should be filed preferably in triplicate.

In order to facilitate the examination of the conformity of the amended application with the requirements of Article 34(2)(b) PCT, the Applicant is invited to clearly identify the amendments carried out, no matter whether they concern amendments by addition, replacement or deletion, and to indicate the passages of the application as filed on which these amendments are based (see also Rule 66.8(a) PCT).

If the Applicant regards it as appropriate these indications could be submitted in handwritten form on a copy of the relevant parts of the application as filed.

The Applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that, as a consequence of Rule 66.8(a) PCT the examiner is not permitted to carry out any amendments under the PCT procedure, however minor these may be.

PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

From the
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITY

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NOTIFICATION OF TRANSMITTAL OF
THE INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
EXAMINATION REPORT
(PCT Rule 71.1)

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Applicant's or agent's file reference PDC/AB/21224		IMPORTANT NOTIFICATION	
International application No. PCT/IB99/00303	International filing date (day/month/year) 11/02/1999	Priority date (day/month/year) 13/02/1998	
Applicant CANAL+ SOCIETE ANONYME et al.			

1. The applicant is hereby notified that this International Preliminary Examining Authority transmits herewith the international preliminary examination report and its annexes, if any, established on the international application.

2. A copy of the report and its annexes, if any, is being transmitted to the International Bureau for communication to all the elected Offices.

3. Where required by any of the elected Offices, the International Bureau will prepare an English translation of the report (but not of any annexes) and will transmit such translation to those Offices.

4. REMINDER

The applicant must enter the national phase before each elected Office by performing certain acts (filing translations and paying national fees) within 30 months from the priority date (or later in some Offices) (Article 39(1)) (see also the reminder sent by the International Bureau with Form PCT/IB/301).

Where a translation of the international application must be furnished to an elected Office, that translation must contain a translation of any annexes to the international preliminary examination report. It is the applicant's responsibility to prepare and furnish such translation directly to each elected Office concerned.

For further details on the applicable time limits and requirements of the elected Offices, see Volume II of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference PDC/AB/21224	FOR FURTHER ACTION See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)	
International application No. PCT/IB99/00303	International filing date (day/month/year) 11/02/1999	Priority date (day/month/year) 13/02/1998
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC H04N5/913		
Applicant CANAL+ SOCIETE ANONYME et al.		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.


2. This REPORT consists of a total of 6 sheets, including this cover sheet.

- ☐ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☒ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☒ Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand 04/08/1999	Date of completion of this report 13.04.2000
Name and mailing address of the international preliminary examining authority:  European Patent Office D-80298 Munich Tel. +49 89 2399 - 0 Tx: 523656 epmu d Fax: +49 89 2399 - 4465	Authorized officer Revellio, S Telephone No. +49 89 2399 8973 <div data-bbox="1404 1827 1559 1974" data-label="Image"> </div>

**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
EXAMINATION REPORT**

International application No. PCT/IB99/00303

I. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of (*substitute sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments.*):

Description, pages:

1-31 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

1-29 as originally filed

Drawings, sheets:

1/15-15/15 as originally filed

2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages:
☐ the claims, Nos.:
☐ the drawings, sheets:

3. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
EXAMINATION REPORT**

International application No. PCT/IB99/00303

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims
	No:	Claims 1, 2, 21-29
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims
	No:	Claims 3-20
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims 1-29
	No:	Claims

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

VII. Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:

see separate sheet

VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

see separate sheet

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D1: FR-A-2,732,537

D2: EP-A-0 763 936

Section V:

1. Claims 1, 21:

Document D1 is regarded as being the closest prior art to the subject-matter of claim 1, and insofar as this claim can be understood (see Section VIII below), this document shows (the references in parentheses applying to this document) a method of recording transmitted digital data in which transmitted digital information is encrypted and stored (see page 7 line 16-18) on a recording support medium and characterised in that an equivalent of the recording encryption key is encrypted and stored on the support medium together with the encrypted information (see ECM in fig. 2 and page 5, lines 7 to 11).

Since all features of claim 1 are considered to be known from the prior art, the requirements with respect to novelty are not met (Art. 33(2) PCT).

The features of the recording means of claim 21 correspond to the method steps of claim 1 in such a way that the objection with respect to novelty likewise applies against present claim 21 (Art. 33(2) PCT).

2. Claims 2 to 20:

The additional features of claim 2 to 20 are either known (see e.g. claim 2: control word information usable to descramble a scrambled data transmission; see deciphering key DCh1 in fig. 1 of document D1) from the prior art documents cited in the International Search Report or generally known in the technical field of cyphering and the inclusion of such features is regarded as part of the customary praxis the skilled person would consider in accordance with circumstances.

**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
EXAMINATION REPORT - SEPARATE SHEET**

International application No. PCT/IB99/00303

Hence, the subject-matter of claims 2 to 20 is not considered to be novel or does not involve an inventive step as required by Articles 33(2) and (3) PCT.

3. Claims 22 to 29:

In as far as these claims can be understood (see Section VIII below) the following remarks are to be made:

A portable security module of the type claimed in claim 22 comprising a recording encryption key and a recording transport key are considered to be known in the prior art (see document D2, smart card 221 in fig. 17 and col. 18, line 43 to col. 19 line 8).

Hence, claim 22 cannot be allowed because of lack of novelty of the subject-matter claimed (Art.33(2) PCT).

The objection raised with respect to claim 22 similarly applies mutatis mutandis to claims 23 to 29.

4. The claims have industrial applicability as required in accordance with Art. 33(4) PCT since the subject-matter claimed can be made or used in industry.

Section VII:

The claims are not in the two-part form with all the features of the closest prior art document (at present document D1) being comprised in the generic part of the claim (Rule 6.3(b)(i) PCT) and with the remaining features being included in a characterising part (Rule 6.3(b)(ii) PCT).

Section VIII:

1. For the following reasons claims 1, 21 to 29 do not meet the conciseness requirements of Article 6 PCT:

Although these claims have been drafted as separate independent claims, they appear to relate effectively to the same subject-matter or at least having overlapping scope and differ from each other only with regard to the definition of the subject-matter for which protection is sought. The aforementioned claims therefore lack conciseness. Moreover, lack of clarity of the claims as a whole arises, since the plurality of independent claims makes it difficult, if not impossible, to determine the matter for which protection is sought, and places an undue burden on others seeking to establish the extent of the protection.

In this case it appears that one independent method claim and one independent apparatus claim would be sufficient.

2. Clarity (Art. 6 PCT):

2.1 Claims 1 and 21:

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It is further unclear, whether the keys are transmitted together with the encrypted information or not.

Therefore, the requirements with respect to clarity are not met for claims 1 and 21 (Art. 6 PCT).

2.2 Claims 22 to 29:

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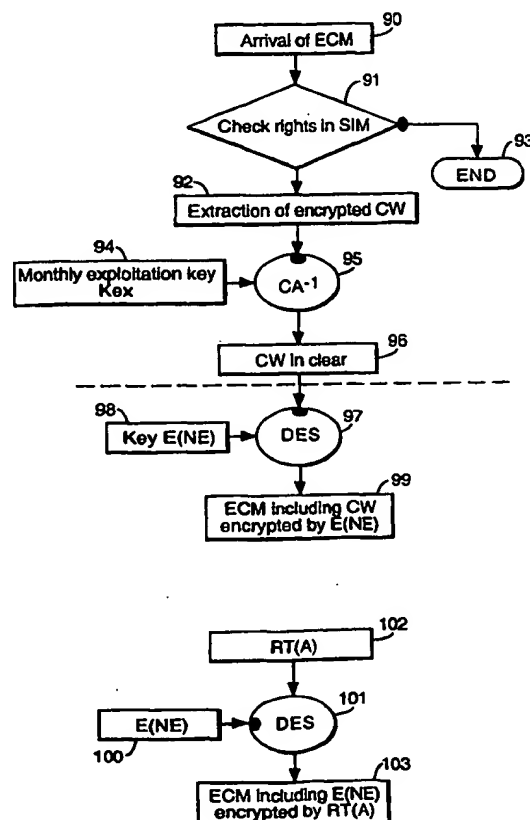
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(57) Abstract

A method of recording transmitted digital data in which transmitted digital information CW (96) is encrypted (97) using a recording encryption key E(NE) (98) and the resulting encrypted ECM message (99) stored on recording support medium. An equivalent of the recording encryption key E(NE) (100) is further encrypted by a recording transport key RT(A) (102) to form an EMM message (103) stored on the support medium together with the encrypted ECM message (99). In one embodiment, the recording transport key may be generated and managed by a central authorising unit. Alternatively, the recording transport key may be generated and managed within the decoder and recorder configuration of the user, for example, by generating the key at the recorder and communicating a version to the decoder for safekeeping.



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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR RECORDING OF ENCRYPTED
DIGITAL DATA

5 The present invention relates to a method and apparatus for recording scrambled digital data, for example television broadcasts.

Transmission of encrypted data is well-known in the field of pay TV systems, where scrambled audiovisual information is broadcast typically by satellite to a number of subscribers, each subscriber possessing a decoder or integrated receiver/decoder
10 (IRD) capable of descrambling the transmitted program for subsequent viewing.

In a typical system, scrambled digital data is transmitted together with a control word for descrambling of the digital data, the control word itself being encrypted by an exploitation key and transmitted in encrypted form. A decoder receives the scrambled
15 digital data and encrypted control word which uses an equivalent of the exploitation key to decrypt the encrypted control word and thereafter descramble the transmitted data. A paid-up subscriber will receive periodically the exploitation key necessary to decrypt the encrypted control word so as to permit viewing of a particular program.

20 With the advent of digital technology, the quality of the transmitted data has increased many times over. A particular problem associated with digital quality data lies in its ease of reproduction. Where a descrambled program is passed via an analogue link (e.g. the " Peritel " link) for viewing and recording by a standard VCR the quality
25 remains no greater than that associated with a standard analogue cassette recording. The risk that such a recording may be used as a master tape to make pirate copies is thus no greater than with a standard shop bought analogue cassette.

By way of contrast, any descrambled digital data passed by a direct digital link to one
30 of the new generation of digital recording devices (for example, a DVHS recorder) will be of the same quality as the originally transmitted program and may thus be reproduced any number of times without any degradation of image or sound quality.

There is therefore a considerable risk that the descrambled data will be used as a master recording to make pirate copies.

French Patent Application 95 03859 shows one way of overcoming this problem, by means of a system in which descrambled digital data is never allowed to be recorded on the digital recording medium. Instead, the decoder described in this application forwards the data for recordal on the support medium in its scrambled form. The control word necessary to descramble the data is re-encrypted by means of another key and stored on the recording support with the scrambled data. This new key is known only to the receiver/decoder and replaces the exploitation key needed to obtain the control word for viewing of the program.

The advantage of such a system is that the data is never stored in a " clear " form and cannot be viewed without possession of the new key, stored in the decoder. The system also possesses the advantage that, since the exploitation key changes on a monthly basis, the use of a key chosen by the decoder to re-encrypt the control word registered on the digital tape means that the decoder will still be able to decrypt the control word recorded on the tape even after the end of a subscription month.

The disadvantage of the system proposed in this previous patent application is that the recording can only be viewed in conjunction with that particular decoder. If that decoder breaks down, or is replaced, the recording can no longer be replayed. Equally, it is not possible to play the recording directly in a digital recorder without connecting the decoder in the system.

It is an object of the present invention in its broadest and specific aspects to overcome some or all of the problems associated with this known solution.

According to the present invention, there is provided a method of recording transmitted digital data in which transmitted digital information is encrypted by a recording encryption key and stored by a recording means on a recording support medium and characterised in that an equivalent of the recording encryption key is

encrypted by a recording transport key and stored on the support medium together with the encrypted information.

The advantage of this method lies in the fact that the specific encryption key used to
5 encrypt the information is itself permanently recorded with the associated encrypted information. In order to facilitate future access, and as will be described below, one or more safeguard copies of the recording transport key may be stored at another location than in the recorder.

10 In one embodiment, the information encrypted by the recording encryption key comprises control word information usable to descramble a scrambled data transmission also recorded on the support medium. Other embodiments are conceivable, for example, in which the encrypted information corresponds simply to transmitted data that will be ultimately read or displayed, e.g. the audiovisual
15 information itself rather than a control word used to descramble it.

In one embodiment, the recording encryption key and/or recording transport key are stored on a portable security module associated with the recording means. This may comprise, for example, any convenient microprocessor and/or memory card device,
20 such as a PCMCIA or PC card, a smart card, a SIM card etc. In alternative realisations, the keys may be stored in a security module permanently embodied in the recording means.

Unless explicitly limited to a portable or integrated device it is to be understood that
25 all references to a "security module" cover both possible realisations.

In one embodiment, the transmitted information is encrypted prior to transmission and received by a decoder means before being communicated to the recording means. The decoder may be physically separate or combined with the recording means. As
30 will be explained in further detail below, the transmitted information may be in some cases processed and/or reencrypted by the decoder before being communicated to the recording means.

The decoder means may itself be associated with a portable security module used to store transmission access control keys used to decrypt the transmitted encrypted information. In some embodiments, this may be distinct from the portable security module associated with the recording means. However, in the case of an integrated
5 decoder/recorder, for example, the same security module may be used to hold all keys.

In one embodiment, the recording encryption key and/or recording transport key function in accordance with a first encryption algorithm and the transmission access
10 control keys function in accordance with a second encryption algorithm.

For example, the recording encryption and transport keys may use the symmetric DES algorithm, whilst the transmission keys function in accordance with a customised algorithm, unique to the broadcast access control system. This enables the system
15 manager to retain control over the algorithm chosen for the transmission keys whilst allowing a generic algorithm to be used for the keys relating to a recording.

In one embodiment, the recording transport key is generated at a central recording authorisation unit and a copy of this key communicated to the recording means. In
20 the event of loss or destruction of the key support associated with the recording means a backup copy or at least the means to generate the transport key will at all times be present at the central recording authorisation unit.

For security reasons, the recording transport key is preferably encrypted by a further
25 encryption key prior to being communicated to the recording means. This further encryption key may be based, for example, on an encryption key common to all recorder security modules diversified by the serial number of the security module, such that only that security module can read the message.

30 In the case where the system comprises a receiver/decoder physically separate from the recording means it may be desirable for the recording means to possess the same access rights as the receiver/decoder, for example to permit the receiver/decoder to

simply forward the data stream "as is" to the recorder for processing.

Accordingly, in one embodiment, a central access control system communicates transmission access control keys to a portable security module associated with the recording means. These may comprise, for example, a double of the keys normally held by the portable security module associated with the decoder and which are used to descramble transmissions.

In this embodiment, the recording means directly descrambles transmitted information using the transmission access keys prior to re-encryption of the information by the recording encryption key and storage on the support medium.

In a similar manner as with the communication of the transport key, the central access control system preferably encrypts the broadcast access control keys by a further encryption key prior to their communication to the recording means. This further encryption key may equally comprise an audience key common to all security modules diversified by the serial number of the recording means.

In order to enable the central access control system to correctly identify the broadcast access keys that need to be forwarded to the recording means, the recording means preferably sends a request to the central access control system including information identifying the broadcast access keys needed, the request being authenticated by the recording means using a key unique to the recording means. This may correspond, for example, to the key used to encrypt communications from the central access control system to the recording means.

In the above realisations of the invention, a number of diverse embodiments have been described, in particular in which a central recording authorisation unit generates and maintains a copy of the recording transport keys and in which a central access control system sends a duplicate set of transmission access control keys to the recording means. Alternative embodiments are possible.

For example, in one embodiment comprising a decoder means and associated security module and a recording means and associated security module, a copy of the recording transport key is stored in the security module associated with either or both decoder means or recorder means. In this way, a backup key for decrypting a recording will always be available even in the event of destruction or loss of the other security module. In particular, a copy of the recording transport key may most usefully be stored in the decoder security module.

The recording transport key may be generated, for example, by the recording means security module and communicated to the decoder means security module or vice versa. For security reasons, the recording transport key is preferably encrypted before communication to the decoder security module and decrypted by a key unique to the security module receiving the recording transport key.

This unique key and its equivalent may be embedded in the respective security modules at the moment of their creation. However, alternatively, the decoder security module and recording security module carry out a mutual authorisation process, the unique decryption key being passed to the other security module from the encrypting security module depending on the results of the mutual authorisation.

In one embodiment, the mutual authorisation step is carried out using, inter alia, an audience key known to both security modules. This may be, for example, a generic key known to all decoders and recorders and diversified by the serial number of each module.

In a further development of this double security module embodiment, the decoder means security module possesses transmission access control keys to decrypt the transmitted information in an encrypted form and a session key to re-encrypt the information prior to communication to the recording means security module, the recording means security module possessing an equivalent of the session key to decrypt the information prior to encryption by the recording transport key.

This session key may be generated by the decoder means security module or recording means security module and communicated to the other module in encrypted form using an encryption key uniquely decryptable by the other security module.

- 5 The present invention extends to a recording means for use in the above method, a decoder means and a portable security module for use in each.

The terms "scrambled" and "encrypted" and "control word" and "key" have been used at various parts in the text for the purpose of clarity of language. However, it
10 will be understood that no fundamental distinction is to be made between "scrambled data" and "encrypted data" or between a "control word" and a "key". Similarly, the term "equivalent key" is used to refer to a key adapted to decrypt data encrypted by a first mentioned key, or vice versa. Unless obligatory in view of the context or unless otherwise specified, no general distinction is made between keys associated
15 with symmetric algorithms and those associated with public/private algorithms.

The term "receiver/decoder" or "decoder" used herein may connote a receiver for receiving either encoded or non-encoded signals, for example, television and/or radio signals, which may be broadcast or transmitted by some other means. The term may
20 also connote a decoder for decoding received signals. Embodiments of such receiver/decoders may include a decoder integral with the receiver for decoding the received signals, for example, in a "set-top box", such a decoder functioning in combination with a physically separate receiver, or such a decoder including additional functions, such as a web browser or integrated with other devices such as
25 a video recorder or a television.

As used herein, the term "digital transmission system" includes any transmission system for transmitting or broadcasting for example primarily audiovisual or multimedia digital data. Whilst the present invention is particularly applicable to a
30 broadcast digital television system, the invention may also be applicable to a fixed telecommunications network for multimedia internet applications, to a closed circuit television, and so on.

As used herein, the term "digital television system" includes for example any satellite, terrestrial, cable and other system.

There will now be described, by way of example only, a number of embodiments of the invention, with reference to the following figures, in which:

Figure 1 shows the overall architecture of a digital TV system according to this embodiment;

Figure 2 shows the architecture of the conditional access system of Figure 1;

Figure 3 shows the encryption levels in the conditional access system;

Figure 4 shows the layout of a decoder and digital recording device according to this embodiment;

Figure 5 shows in schematic form the organisation of zones within the memory cards associated with the decoder and recorder of Figure 4;

Figures 6 and 7 show the steps in the preparation of messages for communication between the decoder card and a centralised server in this first embodiment;

Figure 8 shows the cryptology architecture of the decoder card in generating a recording encryption key according to this first embodiment;

Figures 9 and 10 show the preparation of ECM and EMM messages for recordal on the digital recording support according to this first embodiment;

Figure 11 shows the decryption steps associated with the replay of a recording in this first embodiment;

Figure 12 shows in schematic form the organisation of zones within the memory cards

of the decoder and recording device according to a second embodiment of the invention;

5 Figures 13 and 14 show the initial mutual authorisation steps and transfer of data between the decoder memory card and the recorder memory card according to this second embodiment;

10 Figure 15 shows the creation and communication of a session key to be used by both memory cards during recording of a programme in this second embodiment;

Figure 16 shows the operation of the recorder card to generate a recording encryption key in this second embodiment;

15 Figure 17 shows the treatment of transmission ECMs by the decoder card in order to communicate the control word CW in encrypted form to the recorder card in this second embodiment;

20 Figures 18 and 19 show the preparation of ECM and EMM messages for recordal on the digital recording support according to this second embodiment; and

Figure 20 shows communication between a decoder card and recorder card.

25 An overview of a digital television broadcast and reception system 1 is shown in Figure 1. The invention includes a mostly conventional digital television system 2 which uses the MPEG-2 compression system to transmit compressed digital signals. In more detail, MPEG-2 compressor 3 in a broadcast centre receives a digital signal stream (for example a stream of audio or video signals). The compressor 3 is connected to a multiplexer and scrambler 4 by linkage 5. The multiplexer 4 receives a plurality of further input signals, assembles one or more transport streams and
30 transmits compressed digital signals to a transmitter 6 of the broadcast centre via linkage 7, which can of course take a wide variety of forms including telecom links.

The transmitter 6 transmits electromagnetic signals via uplink 8 towards a satellite

transponder 9, where they are electronically processed and broadcast via a notional downlink 10 to earth receiver 11, conventionally in the form of a dish owned or rented by the end user. The signals received by receiver 11 are transmitted to an integrated receiver/decoder 12 owned or rented by the end user and connected to the end user's television set 13. The receiver/decoder 12 decodes the compressed MPEG-2 signal into a television signal for the television set 13.

A conditional access system 20 is connected to the multiplexer 4 and the receiver/decoder 12, and is located partly in the broadcast centre and partly in the decoder. It enables the end user to access digital television broadcasts from one or more broadcast suppliers. A smartcard, capable of decrypting messages relating to commercial offers (that is, one or several television programmes sold by the broadcast supplier), can be inserted into the receiver/decoder 12. Using the decoder 12 and smartcard, the end user may purchase events in either a subscription mode or a pay-per-view mode.

An interactive system 17, also connected to the multiplexer 4 and the receiver/decoder 12 and again located partly in the broadcast centre and partly in the decoder, may be provided to enable the end user to interact with various applications via a modemmed back channel 16.

The conditional access system 20 will now be described in more detail. With reference to Figure 2, in overview the conditional access system 20 includes a Subscriber Authorization System (SAS) 21. The SAS 21 is connected to one or more Subscriber Management Systems (SMS) 22, one SMS for each broadcast supplier, by a respective TCP-IP linkage 23 (although other types of linkage could alternatively be used). Alternatively, one SMS could be shared between two broadcast suppliers, or one supplier could use two SMSs, and so on.

First encrypting units in the form of ciphering units 24 utilising "mother" smartcards 25 are connected to the SAS by linkage 26. Second encrypting units again in the form of ciphering units 27 utilising mother smartcards 28 are connected to the

5 multiplexer 4 by linkage 29. The receiver/decoder 12 receives a portable security module, for example in the form of "daughter" smartcard 30. It is connected directly to the SAS 21 by Communications Servers 31 via the modemmed back channel 16. The SAS sends, amongst other things, subscription rights to the daughter smartcard on request.

The smartcards contain the secrets of one or more commercial operators. The "mother" smartcard encrypts different kinds of messages and the "daughter" smartcards decrypt the messages, if they have the rights to do so.

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The first and second ciphering units 24 and 27 comprise a rack, an electronic VME card with software stored on an EEPROM, up to 20 electronic cards and one smartcard 25 and 28 respectively, for each electronic card, one card 28 for encrypting the ECMs and one card 25 for encrypting the EMMs.

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The operation of the conditional access system 20 of the digital television system will now be described in more detail with reference to the various components of the television system 2 and the conditional access system 20.

20 Multiplexer and Scrambler

With reference to Figures 1 and 2, in the broadcast centre, the digital audio or video signal is first compressed (or bit rate reduced), using the MPEG-2 compressor 3. This compressed signal is then transmitted to the multiplexer and scrambler 4 via the linkage 5 in order to be multiplexed with other data, such as other compressed data.

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The scrambler generates a control word used in the scrambling process and included in the MPEG-2 stream in the multiplexer. The control word is generated internally and enables the end user's integrated receiver/decoder 12 to descramble the programme.

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Access criteria, indicating how the programme is commercialised, are also added to

the MPEG-2 stream. The programme may be commercialised in either one of a number of "subscription" modes and/or one of a number of "Pay Per View" (PPV) modes or events. In the subscription mode, the end user subscribes to one or more commercial offers, or "bouquets", thus getting the rights to watch every channel inside those bouquets. In the preferred embodiment, up to 960 commercial offers may be selected from a bouquet of channels.

In the Pay Per View mode, the end user is provided with the capability to purchase events as he wishes. This can be achieved by either pre-booking the event in advance ("pre-book mode"), or by purchasing the event as soon as it is broadcast ("impulse mode"). In the preferred embodiment, all users are subscribers, whether or not they watch in subscription or PPV mode, but of course PPV viewers need not necessarily be subscribers.

15 Entitlement Control Messages

Both the control word and the access criteria are used to build an Entitlement Control Message (ECM). This is a message sent in relation with a scrambled program; the message contains a control word (which allows for the descrambling of the program) and the access criteria of the broadcast program. The access criteria and control word are transmitted to the second encrypting unit 27 via the linkage 29. In this unit, an ECM is generated, encrypted and transmitted on to the multiplexer and scrambler 4. During a broadcast transmission, the control word typically changes every few seconds, and so ECMs are also periodically transmitted to enable the changing control word to be descrambled. For redundancy purposes, each ECM typically includes two control words; the present control word and the next control word.

Each service broadcast by a broadcast supplier in a data stream comprises a number of distinct components; for example a television programme includes a video component, an audio component, a sub-title component and so on. Each of these components of a service is individually scrambled and encrypted for subsequent broadcast to the transponder 9. In respect of each scrambled component of the

service, a separate ECM is required. Alternatively, a single ECM may be required for all of the scrambled components of a service. Multiple ECMs are also generated in the case where multiple conditional access systems control access to the same transmitted program.

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Entitlement Management Messages (EMMs)

The EMM is a message dedicated to an individual end user (subscriber), or a group of end users. Each group may contain a given number of end users. This
10 organisation as a group aims at optimising the bandwidth; that is, access to one group can permit the reaching of a great number of end users.

Various specific types of EMM can be used. Individual EMMs are dedicated to individual subscribers, and are typically used in the provision of Pay Per View
15 services; these contain the group identifier and the position of the subscriber in that group.

Group subscription EMMs are dedicated to groups of, say, 256 individual users, and are typically used in the administration of some subscription services. This EMM
20 has a group identifier and a subscribers' group bitmap.

Audience EMMs are dedicated to entire audiences, and might for example be used by a particular operator to provide certain free services. An "audience" is the totality of subscribers having smartcards which bear the same conditional access system
25 identifier (CA ID). Finally, a "unique" EMM is addressed to the unique identifier of the smartcard.

EMMs may be generated by the various operators to control access to rights associated with the programs transmitted by the operators as outlined above. EMMs
30 may also be generated by the conditional access system manager to configure aspects of the conditional access system in general.

Programme Transmission

5 The multiplexer 4 receives electrical signals comprising encrypted EMMs from the SAS 21, encrypted ECMs from the second encrypting unit 27 and compressed programmes from the compressor 3. The multiplexer 4 scrambles the programmes and sends the scrambled programmes, the encrypted EMMs and the encrypted ECMs to a transmitter 6 of the broadcast centre via the linkage 7. The transmitter 6 transmits electromagnetic signals towards the satellite transponder 9 via uplink 8.

10 Programme Reception

The satellite transponder 9 receives and processes the electromagnetic signals transmitted by the transmitter 6 and transmits the signals on to the earth receiver 11, conventionally in the form of a dish owned or rented by the end user, via downlink
15 10. The signals received by receiver 11 are transmitted to the integrated receiver/decoder 12 owned or rented by the end user and connected to the end user's television set 13. The receiver/decoder 12 demultiplexes the signals to obtain scrambled programmes with encrypted EMMs and encrypted ECMs.

20 If the programme is not scrambled, that is, no ECM has been transmitted with the MPEG-2 stream, the receiver/decoder 12 decompresses the data and transforms the signal into a video signal for transmission to television set 13.

If the programme is scrambled, the receiver/decoder 12 extracts the corresponding
25 ECM from the MPEG-2 stream and passes the ECM to the "daughter" smartcard 30 of the end user. This slots into a housing in the receiver/decoder 12. The daughter smartcard 30 controls whether the end user has the right to decrypt the ECM and to access the programme. If not, a negative status is passed to the receiver/decoder 12 to indicate that the programme cannot be descrambled. If the end user does have the
30 rights, the ECM is decrypted and the control word extracted. The decoder 12 can then descramble the programme using this control word. The MPEG-2 stream is decompressed and translated into a video signal for onward transmission to television

set 13.

Subscriber Management System (SMS)

5 A Subscriber Management System (SMS) 22 includes a database 32 which manages, amongst others, all of the end user files, commercial offers, subscriptions, PPV details, and data regarding end user consumption and authorization. The SMS may be physically remote from the SAS.

10 Each SMS 22 transmits messages to the SAS 21 via respective linkage 23 which imply modifications to or creations of Entitlement Management Messages (EMMs) to be transmitted to end users.

The SMS 22 also transmits messages to the SAS 21 which imply no modifications or
15 creations of EMMs but imply only a change in an end user's state (relating to the authorization granted to the end user when ordering products or to the amount that the end user will be charged).

The SAS 21 sends messages (typically requesting information such as call-back
20 information or billing information) to the SMS 22, so that it will be apparent that communication between the two is two-way.

Subscriber Authorization System (SAS)

25 The messages generated by the SMS 22 are passed via linkage 23 to the Subscriber Authorization System (SAS) 21, which in turn generates messages acknowledging receipt of the messages generated by the SMS 21 and passes these acknowledgements to the SMS 22.

30 In overview the SAS comprises a Subscription Chain area to give rights for subscription mode and to renew the rights automatically each month, a Pay Per View Chain area to give rights for PPV events, and an EMM Injector for passing EMMs

created by the Subscription and PPV chain areas to the multiplexer and scrambler 4, and hence to feed the MPEG stream with EMMs. If other rights are to be granted, such as Pay Per File (PPF) rights in the case of downloading computer software to a user's Personal Computer, other similar areas are also provided.

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One function of the SAS 21 is to manage the access rights to television programmes, available as commercial offers in subscription mode or sold as PPV events according to different modes of commercialisation (pre-book mode, impulse mode). The SAS 21, according to those rights and to information received from the SMS 22, generates

10 EMMs for the subscriber.

The EMMs are passed to the Ciphering Unit (CU) 24 for ciphering with respect to the management and exploitation keys. The CU completes the signature on the EMM and passes the EMM back to a Message Generator (MG) in the SAS 21, where a

15 header is added. The EMMs are passed to a Message Emitter (ME) as complete EMMs. The Message Generator determines the broadcast start and stop time and the rate of emission of the EMMs, and passes these as appropriate directions along with the EMMs to the Message Emitter. The MG only generates a given EMM once; it is the ME which performs cyclic transmission of the EMMs.

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On generation of an EMM, the MG assigns a unique identifier to the EMM. When the MG passes the EMM to the ME, it also passes the EMM ID. This enables identification of a particular EMM at both the MG and the ME.

25 In systems such as simulcrypt which are adapted to handle multiple conditional access systems e.g. associated with multiple operators, EMM streams associated with each conditional access system are generated separately and multiplexed together by the multiplexer 4 prior to transmission.

30 Encryption Levels of the System

Referring now to Figure 3, a simplified outline of the encryption levels in the

broadcast system will now be described. The stages of encryption associated with the broadcast of the digital data are shown at 41, the transmission channel (eg a satellite link as described above) at 42 and the stages of decryption at the receiver at 43.

5 The digital data N is scrambled by a control word CW before being transmitted to a multiplexer Mp for subsequent transmission. As will be seen from the lower part of Figure 3, the transmitted data includes an ECM comprising, inter alia, the control word CW as encrypted by an encrypter Ch1 controlled by a first encryption key Kex. At the receiver/decoder, the signal passes by a demultiplexer DMp and descrambler
10 D before being passed to a television 2022 for viewing. A decryption unit DCh1 also possessing the key Kex decrypts the ECM in the demultiplexed signal to obtain the control word CW subsequently used to descramble the signal.

For security reasons, the control word CW embedded in the encrypted ECM changes
15 on average every 10 seconds or so. In contrast, the first encryption key Kex used by the receiver to decode the ECM is changed every month or so by means of an operator EMM. The encryption key Kex is encrypted by a second unit ChP using a personalised group key K1(GN). If the subscriber is one of those chosen to receive an updated key Kex, a decryption unit DChP in the decoder will decrypt the message
20 using its group key K1(GN) to obtain that month's key Kex.

The decryption units DChp and DCh1 and the associated keys are held on a smart card provided to the subscriber and inserted in a smart card reader in the decoder. The keys may be generated, for example, according to any generally used symmetric
25 key algorithm or in accordance with a customised symmetric key algorithm.

As will be described, different keys may be associated with different operators or broadcasters as well as with the conditional access system supplier. In the above description, a group key K1(GN) is held by the smart card associated with the
30 decoder and used to decrypt EMM messages. In practice, different operators will have different subscriber unique keys K1 (Op1, GN), K1 (Op2, GN) etc. Each group key is generated by an operator and diversified by a value associated with the group

to which the subscriber belongs. Different memory zones in the smart card hold the keys for different operators. Each operator may also have a unique key associated solely with the smart card in question and an audience key for all subscribers to the services provided by that operator (see above).

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In addition, a set of keys may also be held by the manager of the conditional access system. In particular, a given smart card may include a user specific key K0 (NS) and an audience key K1 (C), common to all smart cards. Whilst the operator keys are generally used to decode EMM messages associated with broadcast rights, the conditional access manager keys may be used to decrypt EMM messages associated with changes to conditional access system in general, as will be described below.

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The above description of the system shown in Figure 3 relates to the implementation of access control in a broadcast system in which transmissions are descrambled by a decoder and displayed immediately. Referring to Figure 4, the elements of an access control system for recordal and replaying of scrambled transmission will now be described.

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As before, a decoder 12 receives scrambled broadcast transmissions via a receiver 11.

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The decoder includes a portable security module 30, which may conveniently take the form of a smart card, but which may comprise any other suitable memory or microprocessor device. The decoder 12 includes a modem channel 16, for example, for communicating with servers handling conditional access information and is also adapted to pass descrambled audiovisual display information, e.g. via a Peritel link 53, to a television 13. The system additionally includes a digital recorder 50, such as a DVHS or DVD recorder, adapted to communicate with the decoder, for example, via an IEEE 1394 bus 51. The recorder 50 receives a digital support (not shown) on which information is recorded.

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The recorder 50 is further adapted to function with a portable security module 52 containing, inter alia, the keys used to control access to the replaying of a recording. The portable security module may comprise any portable memory and/or

microprocessor device as is conventionally known, such as a smart card, a PCMCIA card, a microprocessor key etc. In the present case, the portable security module 52 has been designated as a SIM card, known from the field of portable telephones.

5 The digital recorder 50 includes a direct link 54 to the display 13. In alternative realisations, digital audiovisual information may be passed from the recorder 50 to the decoder 12 prior to display. Equally, whilst the elements of decoder 12, recorder 50 and display 13 have been indicated separately, it is conceivable that some or all of these elements may be merged, for example, to provide a combined
10 decoder/television set or combined decoder/recorder etc.

Similarly, whilst the invention will be discussed in relation to the recording of audiovisual broadcast information, it may also conveniently be applied, for example, to broadcast audio information subsequently recorded on a DAT or minidisc recorder
15 or even a broadcast software application recorded on the hard disc of a computer.

A first and second embodiment of the invention will now be described with reference to Figures 5 to 11 and 12 to 19, respectively. In the first embodiment a central server is used to handle the generation and safeguard of the keys permitting access
20 to a recording. Furthermore, in this embodiment, the real time decryption and descrambling of a broadcast is carried out by the SIM card of the recorder prior to recordal. In the second embodiment, the decoder smart card manages the safeguard of recording access keys and also plays a part in the real time decryption and decoding of broadcast transmissions.

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First Embodiment

Referring to Figure 5, the structure of the memory zones in the smart card 30 and SIM card 52 associated with the decoder and recorder, respectively, will now be
30 described.

As shown, the decoder smart card 30 includes a number of keys adapted to function

with a symmetric encryption/decryption algorithm associated with the conditional access system. In the present example, a custom algorithm "CA" is used for operations generally associated with access to the broadcast transmission. This is to distinguish from the operations carried out by the SIM card 52 using the DES algorithm and which are generally associated with the recordal and playback of information on the digital support (see below).

The first set of keys, associated with the conditional access system manager indicated in the zone 55, are implanted in the smart card at the moment of personalisation. These keys include a key K0 diversified by a number NS unique to that card. The system manager zone 55 may also include other keys, such as an audience key K1 (not shown) diversified by a constant C and common to all smart cards handled by the conditional access system manager.

A second zone 56 contains the keys associated with one or more broadcast operators. These keys may be implanted at the moment of personalisation of the card 30 by the conditional access system manager but are more usually created by means of a special transmitted EMM message at the start up of a decoder.

As mentioned above, the operator keys may typically include a K0' diversified by a number NS unique to that card, a group key K1' diversified by a group number GN and an audience key K2' diversified by a constant Z and common to all subscriber card addressed by that operator.

Finally, the smart card includes the value of the unique number NS of that card, implanted at the moment of personalisation and held in the zone 57 of the smart card memory.

As is shown, the SIM card 52 associated with the digital recorder includes two sections 58, 59 associated with keys and operations carried out using the CA and DES algorithms, respectively. The section 59 associated with operations using the CA algorithm includes a first system manager zone 60 and an operator zone 61. The

keys in the system manager zone are implanted in the card at the moment of personalisation by the conditional access system manager and include a key K0 diversified by the serial number NSIM of the SIM card as well as a communications transport key T also diversified by the serial number NSIM of the card. Both keys
5 are unique to the SIM card in question.

The SIM card further includes an operator zone 61 adapted to store keys associated with one or more operators. In the present Figure 5, the SIM card is shown as it is at the moment of its creation and personalisation by the conditional access system
10 manager and before insertion in a recorder. For this reason, both the operator zone 61 and the DES zone 58 are shown as blank, i.e. without any stored keys.

Finally, the SIM card includes a zone 63 adapted to hold the unique SIM card serial number NSIM.
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As mentioned above, in this embodiment, the recorder SIM card 52 is adapted to handle the real time decryption and descrambling of broadcast data autonomously and independent of the smart card 30 associated with the decoder. In order to carry out these operations, it is necessary for the recorder SIM card 52 to possess a double of
20 the keys usually held in the system manager and operator zones 55, 56 of the decoder smart card (see Figure 5). As will be described, once the necessary keys are installed in the recorder SIM card 52, the decoder 12 will thereafter pass the broadcast transmission stream "as is" to the digital recorder 50 and card 52.

25 In this embodiment, the generation of duplicate broadcast related keys is managed by the central conditional access system 21, the digital recorder 50 acting to transmit a request to the appropriate server, e.g. via the modem link provided by the decoder 12. Alternatively, it may be envisaged that the recorder itself will be equipped with a modem to carry out this request. In this embodiment, the central conditional access
30 system serves to regulate both transmission access control keys and, as will be described recording access control keys

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In order to enable the central conditional access system server to generate a double of the keys associated with the decoder smart card it is necessary that the request message from the recorder SIM card includes an identification of the identity of the decoder smart card (e.g. the smart card serial number NS) as well as providing
5 secured confirmation of its own identity.

As a first step therefore, the decoder smart card 30 communicates its serial number NS and a list of operators Op1, Op2 etc. to the SIM card 52. For reasons of security, this communication may itself be encrypted by a simple transport encryption
10 algorithm applied to all communications between the decoder 12 and recorder 50. To avoid unnecessary complexity in the Figures, the keys associated with this encryption are not shown. The decoder card serial number NS is then stored in the system manager zone of the SIM card.

15 The recorder SIM card 52 then sets up a communication with the conditional access system 21 and requests the unique number NMERE of the conditional access system 21 at the conditional access server (see Figure 2). Using the information thus obtained, the recorder SIM card 52 generates a message using the CA algorithm, as shown in Fig. 6.

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In the convention adopted in the accompanying drawings, the symmetric algorithm to be used in a given cryptographic step (CA or DES) is identified within an oval. The data to be encrypted and/or the data serving as a diversifier is identified as arriving via a blacked out input to the oval. See the encryption of the smart card
25 number and operator list at 70 in Figure 6. Decryption steps are distinguished using an inverse power sign, for example CA^{-1} or DES^{-1} .

As a first step in Figure 6, the smart card number NS and operator list are encrypted by the key K0 (NSIM) as shown at 70 to generate a message 71 comprising the SIM
30 card serial number NSIM and the encrypted data. At a second step 72, the encrypted data is again re-encrypted by the key T (NSIM, NMERE), created by diversifying the key T (NSIM) by a unique value NMERE associated with the conditional access

system. As will be understood, the steps 70, 71 may be carried out in the inverse order. The message 73 and signature thus formed are then sent to the conditional access server 21, ciphering unit 24 and mother card 25.

5 The conditional access system 21 decrypts the message as shown in Figure 7. The system possesses the original key K0 shown at 76. Diversifying the key K0 with the NSIM value contained in the message, as shown at 77, generates the key K0 (NSIM). The key K0 (NSIM) is first used to validate the signature at 78. In the event that the signature is not valid, the analysis of the message ends, as shown at 81.

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In addition to the key K0, the system also possesses the transport key T or at least the key T (NMERE) representing the value of this key T diversified by unique conditional access system number NMERE. Diversifying T (NMERE) by the value NSIM contained in the message enables the system to generate the key T (NSIM, NMERE). For the sake of simplicity, the steps in the preparation of this key have not been shown in Figure 7.

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Equipped with keys K0 (NSIM) and T (NSIM, NMERE), the system manager can then decrypt the message at 79 to obtain the decoder smart card serial number NS and the list of operators associated with the subscriber in question. The system manager then further verifies that the list of operators does indeed match the smart card serial number and thereafter assembles in an EMM message the duplicate key values that will be needed by the recorder SIM card to decrypt a transmission, including a duplicate of the smart card system manager key K0 (NS) as well as the various operator keys K0' (Op1, NS), K1' (Op1, GN) etc.

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The access system also prepares a recording transport key RT (A) which will be subsequently used by the SIM card in controlling access during the recording and playback of a digital recording, as will be discussed in more detail below. In accordance with the choice of algorithm preferred for dealing with the recording, this key will be prepared from a DES key RT diversified by a random number A. The key RT is always present in the mother card and a copy of the value A is maintained

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for safeguard purposes in a database associated with the system operator. In this way, the value RT (A) may be regenerated at any moment.

5 The smart card duplicate keys K0 (NS), K0' (Op1, NS), Kex etc. and the recording transport key RT (A) are then formatted into an EMM message sent to the recorder SIM card. For security reasons, this message is encrypted by the key K0 (NSIM) to ensure that only the correct SIM card can obtain this information.

10 For any subsequent change or update, for example, in relation to the operator keys or other access rights, the SIM card (as a copy of the smart card) will receive all EMM/ECM messages needed to decrypt broadcast transmissions.

15 Referring to Figure 8, the state of the recorder SIM card 52 immediately prior to the recording of a broadcast transmission will now be described. As shown, the digital recorder card 59 now includes complete system manager and operator zones 60, 61 as well as a stored value the DES recording transport key RT (A) shown at 85. In addition, the card generates a recording encryption key E (NE) shown at 86 and obtained by diversifying at 87 a DES key E shown at 88 by a random value NE shown at 89. In this case, the key E(NE) is used as a type of session key and may
20 be changed between recordings. The pair of keys E (NE) and RT (A) will subsequently be used in all encryption and decryption of the digital recording.

Referring to Figure 9, the steps in the treatment by the recorder of an ECM message associated with a broadcast transmission will now be described. After the arrival of
25 an ECM message at 90, the card verifies at 91 that it has the rights to read this particular transmission, for example, that it is a transmission from one of the operators in its list of operators. If so, the encrypted control word CW is extracted from the ECM at the step 92. If not, the processing stops at step 93. Using that month's exploitation key Kex for the operator in question shown at 94, the card
30 decodes at 95 the encrypted value to obtain the control word CW in clear, as shown at 96.

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The recorder card then re-encrypts at 97 the control word CW using the DES key E (NE) shown at 98 and prepares an ECM including the newly encrypted control word for insertion in the data stream to replace the previous ECM. The scrambled transmission together with the sequence of new ECM messages are then recorded on the support in the digital recorder.

Simultaneously and as shown at step 101 in Figure 10, the SIM recorder card encrypts the value E (NE) shown at 100 using the recording transport key RT (A) shown at 102, so as to generate a special EMM type message 103. This EMM message is then recorded on the digital recording support at the start or header of the recording. As will be understood from the foregoing description, other than the safeguard copy held at the conditional access system database, the key RT (A) is unique to the recorder card and this EMM message may not be decrypted by cards other than the recorder card that generated the message.

Referring to Figure 11, the steps in the decryption and descrambling of a recording will now be described. Firstly, the EMM message 111 at the head of the recording is decrypted at 110 using the recording transport key 112 stored in the SIM card. Assuming the EMM message was originally created using the same recording transport key the result of the decryption step 110 will be the recording encryption key E (NE) at 116.

As the recording is played, ECMs 113 are picked out from the data stream and decrypted at step 114 using the recording encryption key E (NE) to obtain at step 115 the control word CW used to scramble that part of the data stream associated with the ECM. This control word CW is then fed together with the scrambled audiovisual data to a descrambling unit, either in the recorder SIM card or in the recorder itself, and a descrambled audiovisual output obtained for subsequent display via the television display or the like.

As will be understood, the presence of a safeguard means for preparing a copy of the transport key RT (A) at the mother card 25 of the central access control system

means that, in the event of loss or destruction of the recorder SIM card 25, it will be possible to reconstruct a new recorder card to allow playback of previously made recordings.

- 5 The above embodiment is particularised by the fact that the recording transport key RT (A) is generated and safeguarded at a central server and also by the fact that the recorder SIM card contains a duplicate of the necessary operator keys to independently decrypt and descramble a real time transmission. The second embodiment, described below in Figures 12 to 19 does not suffer from these
- 10 constraints, but describes a realisation in which the decoder smart card plays a more important role.

Second Embodiment

- 15 Referring to Figure 12, the structure of the conditional access zones in the decoder smart card 30 and recorder SIM card 52 in such a system are shown. As before, both cards include zones reserved for operations using the CA algorithm and storage of key data, in particular system manager zones 55, 60 and operator zones 56, 61.
- 20 In the present embodiment, the system manager zone 55 of the decoder card 30 includes, in addition to the key K0 (NS), an audience key K1 (C) common to all cards personalised and managed by the system manager and formed by the diversification of a CA key by a constant value C. This key K1 (C) is also present in the system management zone 60 of the recorder card 52.
- 25 The other significant change in comparison with the zone structure of the previous embodiment is that the smart card 30 is additionally provided with the DES algorithm and includes a DES operating zone 120.
- 30 In order to enable the decoder smart card and recorder SIM card to work together and, in particular, to enable the eventual generation of a recording transport key TR, it is necessary for a mutual authentication of both cards to be carried out.

As shown in Figure 13, as a first step 121 the recorder SIM card 52 requests a random number from the decoder smart card 30 which returns the number A1 at 122. This number is then used to diversify the audience key K1 (C) at step 123 to generate the key K1 (C, A1) shown at step 124. The SIM card then generates a second
5 random number A2 shown at 125, which is in turn encrypted by the key K1 (C, A1) at 126. Before communication to the smart card, this message is again encrypted and signed at 128 by a second key K1 (C, NSIM) shown at 127 and formed by diversifying the audience key K1 (C) by the value NSIM. The message 129 thus
10 formed is sent as a request for serial number NS and associated individual key K0(NS) to the decoder smart card 30.

Referring to Figure 14, on arrival at the decoder smart card 30, the communicated value NSIM is used by the smart card to generate the key K1 (C, NSIM). The value of A2 is then decrypted at 130 using this key and the key K1 (C, A1) obtained by the
15 smart card using the random number A1 that it had previously generated and stored in its memory.

This random number value A2 obtained at 131 is then used to diversify the audience key K1 (C) to obtain the key K1 (C, A2) shown at 132. The key K1 (C, A2) then
20 encrypts the smart card unique serial number NS and system key K0 (NS) at 133 to create the message 134.

As before, this message is then re-encrypted at 135 using the key K1 (C, NSIM) shown at 136 and the message returned to the recorder SIM card 52 as shown at 137.
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The recorder SIM card generates the keys K1 (C, A2) and K1 (C, NSIM) shown at 138 by diversifying the key K1 (C) by the NSIM serial number and the previously generated and memorised random number A2. These keys are used to decrypt at 139 the messages so as to obtain the unique serial number NS and unique system manager
30 key K0 (NS) of the smart card, this information thereafter being recorded in the memory of the recorder SIM card at 140.

Unlike the previous embodiment, in which doubles of all system manager and operator keys were taken to ensure independent operation of the recorder SIM card, the double key K0 (NS) and the smart card serial number NS are used to set up a session key for recording and to enable secure communication between the cards during a recording session, notably to enable secure communication of a recording transport key.

In this embodiment, the initial decryption of the CW is handled by the smart card using the operator keys and monthly exploitation keys that it possesses. Whilst it is conceivable that the control word CW could be passed directly to the SIM card during the creation of a recording it is desirable for security reasons to use a session key to transport the control word CW for this purpose.

Figure 15 shows one way of creating such a key. As shown, the recorder SIM card picks a random key K3 shown at 141 and diversifies this key at 142 with the SIM card serial number NSIM shown at 143. The key K3 may be taken from any one of a number of such keys stored for this purpose in the system manager zone. The CA session key K3 (NSIM) thus created at 144 is then encrypted at 145 using the previously obtained smart card system manager key K0 (NS) shown at 146. The message 147 thus generated is thereafter transmitted to the decoder smart card which uses its key K0 (NS) to decrypt the message at 148 and store the session key K3 (NSIM) in the memory of the card at step 149.

Referring to Figure 16, the state of the recorder SIM card prior to a recording operation will now be described. The system manager zone 60 includes the smart card key K0 (NS) and the session key K3 (NSIM) as well as the normally present system keys K0 (NSIM) etc. (not shown). In addition, the card creates a DES recording encryption key from a DES key E shown at 150 by diversifying this key at 151 by a random value NE shown at 152. As before, the resulting recording encryption key E (NE) will be used in the re-encryption of the control words associated with a program. Similarly, a recording transport key RT (A) shown at 153 is generated to be used to encrypt the recording encryption key E (NE) also recorded

on the digital support medium.

Unlike the previous embodiment, in which the recording transport key was generated at the access control server, the key RT (A) is generated by the recorder SIM card itself using a DES key diversified by a random number A. In order to safeguard a copy of this key a copy is communicated to the decoder smart card. For obvious security reasons, this copy is communicated in encrypted form, for example, as encrypted by the smart card key K0 (NS) currently stored in the SIM card memory.

Referring to Figure 20, upon first insertion in the decoder the recorder SIM card first sends a request 190 to the smart card to see if a value of RT(A) has already been generated. An evaluation is carried out by the decoder smart card at 191.

If the answer is negative, the recorder SIM card 52 generates a random DES key RT at 192, which value is diversified at 193 by a random value A shown at 194 to generate the key RT(A) shown at 195. This key value RT(A) is then encrypted at 196 using the custom algorithm and the key K0(NS) shown at 197 and the resulting message 198 then sent to the decoder smart card 30 for decryption and safeguard of the key RT(A).

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If the determination at 191 is positive, then the previously stored value of RT(A) is sent back at 199 to the recorder SIM card 52.

Referring to Figure 17, the operations of the decoder smart card 30 during recording of a scrambled transmission will now be described. As mentioned above, in this embodiment, the decoder smart card handles the initial decryption steps using the operator keys before communicating the value of the control word CW to the recorder SIM card 52.

As shown, the decoder smart card 30 receives an ECM 160 for processing in the operator zone 56. Firstly, the smart card 30 checks that it has the rights to access this program. Assuming that this is the case, the encrypted code word CW is

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extracted from the ECM at 162 and decrypted at 163 using the appropriate exploitation key Kex shown at 164. Otherwise, the process ends as shown at 165.

5 As mentioned above, the clear value of the control word CW shown at 166 cannot be directly communicated to the recorder SIM card. Accordingly, the control word CW is encrypted at 167 using the session key K3 (NSIM) shown at 168 and the resulting value 169 communicated to the recorder card SIM for the next steps in the process.

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Referring to Figure 18, the control word encrypted by the session key is received by the recorder SIM card 52 which carries out a decryption process at 170 using the equivalent of the session key K3 (NSIM) previously stored in memory shown at 171. The clear value of the control word CW at 172 is then passed to the DES zone of the card for encryption at 173 using the recording encryption key E (NE) shown at 174. The resulting encrypted value is then encapsulated in an ECM and inserted in the data stream for recordal with the still scrambled data on the recording support.

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At the same time and in a similar manner to the first embodiment, the recording encryption key value shown at 180 in Figure 19 is encrypted at 181 using the recording transport key RT(A) shown at 182. The resulting encrypted value 183 is encapsulated in an EMM for recordal in the header of the digital recording.

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During replay of the recording, and as described before in relation to Figure 11, the EMM at the start of a recording containing the recording encryption key E (NE) is decrypted by the recorder SIM card using the recording transport key RT (A). The recording encryption key E (NE) is then used to decrypt each ECM so as to obtain the control word CW associated with that particular section of the scrambled recording. The recording is then descrambled and played.

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As will be understood, the presence of a safeguard copy of the recording transport key RT (A) stored in the decoder smart card means that, in the event of loss or

breakdown of the recorder SIM card, a replacement recorder card may be generated. Unlike the previous embodiment, however, it is not necessary to use a centralised server to maintain this duplicate copy.

- 5 As will be understood, alternative embodiments may be envisaged. For example, in the above embodiments the encryption recording key E (NE) is generated using a key and a random number. However, in alternative embodiments the key E (NE) may be generated from a key diversified by the serial number of the recording device itself (i.e. not the recorder SIM card) to link a given recording to both the recorder SIM
10 card and the recording device.

Similarly, certain elements of the first embodiment such as a centralised transport key store and an autonomously operating recorder are independent from each other and may be used in the second embodiment, and vice versa.

CLAIMS

1. A method of recording transmitted digital data in which transmitted digital information is encrypted by a recording encryption key (E(NE)) and stored by a recording means (50) on a recording support medium and characterised in that an equivalent of the recording encryption key (E(NE)) is encrypted by a recording transport key (RT(A)) and stored on the support medium together with the encrypted information.
2. A method as claimed in claim 1 in which the information encrypted by the recording encryption key (E(NE)) comprises control word information (CW) usable to descramble a scrambled data transmission also recorded on the support medium.
3. A method as claimed in claim 1 or 2 in which the recording encryption key (E(NE)) and/or recording transport key (RT(A)) are stored on a portable security module (52) associated with the recording means (50).
4. A method as claimed in any preceding claim in which the transmitted information is encrypted prior to transmission and received by a decoder means (12) before being communicated to the recording means (50).
5. A method as claimed in claim 4 in which the decoder (50) is associated with a portable security module (30) used to store transmission access control keys (K0(NS), K0'(Op1,NS) etc.) used to decrypt the transmitted encrypted information.
6. A method as claimed in claim 5 in which the recording encryption key (E(NE)) and/or recording transport key (RT(A)) function in accordance with a first encryption algorithm (DES) and the transmission access control keys (K0(NS), K0'(Op1,NS) etc.) function in accordance with a second encryption algorithm (CA).
7. A method as claimed in any preceding claim in which the recording transport key (RT(A)) is generated at a central recording authorisation unit (21,24,25) and a copy

of this key communicated to the recording means (50).

8. A method as claimed in claim 7 in which the recording transport key (RT(A)) is preferably encrypted by a further encryption key (K0(NSIM)) prior to being
5 communicated to the recording means (50).

9. A method as claimed in any preceding claim in which a central access control system (21,24,25) communicates transmission access control keys (K0(NS), K0'(Op1,NS) etc.) to the recording means (50).
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10. A method as claimed in claim 9 in which the transmission access control keys (K0(NS), K0'(Op1,NS) etc.) are communicated to a portable security module (52) associated with the recording means (50).

11. A method as claimed in claim 9 or 10 in which the recording means (50) directly descrambles transmitted information using the transmission access keys (K0(NS), K0'(Op1,NS) etc.) prior to re-encryption of the information by the recording encryption key (E(NE)) and storage on the support medium.
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12. A method as claimed in any of claims 9, 10 or 11 in which the central access control system (21, 24, 25) preferably encrypts the broadcast access control keys (K0(NS), K0'(Op1,NS) etc.) by a further encryption key (K0(NSIM)) prior to their communication to the recording means (50).
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13. A method as claimed in any of claims 9 to 12 in which the recording means (50) sends a request to the central access control system including information identifying the broadcast access keys needed (K0(NS), K0'(Op1,NS) etc.), the request being authenticated by the recording means (50) using a key (K0(NSIM)) unique to that recording means.
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14. A method as claimed in claim 1 using a decoder means (12) and associated security module (30) and a recording means (50) and associated security module (52)

and in which a copy of the recording transport key (RT(A)) is stored in the security module (30) associated with the decoder means (12) and/or the security module (52) associated with the recording means.

5 15. A method as claimed in claim 14 in which the recording transport key (RT(A)) is generated by either the recording security module (52) or decoder security module (30) and communicated to the other security module.

10 16. A method as claimed in claim 15 in which the recording transport key (RT(A)) is preferably encrypted before communication to the other security module and decrypted by a key unique (K0(NS)) to that other security module.

15 17. A method as claimed in claim 16 in which the decoder security module (30) and recording security module (52) carry out a mutual authorisation process, the unique decryption key (K0(NS)) being passed to the other security module from the encrypting security module depending on the results of the mutual authorisation.

20 18. A method as claimed in claim 17 in which the mutual authorisation step is carried out using, inter alia, an audience key K1(C) known to both security modules (30,52).

25 19. A method as claimed in any of claims 14 to 18 in which the decoder security module (30) possesses transmission access control keys (K0(NS), K0'(Op1,NS) etc.) to decrypt the transmitted information in an encrypted form and a session key (K3(NSIM)) re-encrypt the information prior to communication to the recording security module (52), the recording security module (52) possessing an equivalent of the session key (K3(NSIM)) to decrypt the information prior to encryption by the recording transport key (RT(A)).

30 20. A method as claimed in claim 19 in which the session key (K3(NSIM)) is generated by the decoder security module or recording means security module (52) and communicated to the other module in encrypted form using an encryption key

(K0(NS)) uniquely decryptable by the other security module.

21. A recording means (50) adapted for use in a method as claimed in any preceding claim comprising a security module (52) for encrypting transmitted digital information
5 by a recording encryption key (E(NE)) for storage on a recording support medium and characterised in that the security module (52) is further adapted to encrypt the recording encryption key (E(NE)) by a recording transport key (RT(A)) for storage on the support medium.
- 10 22. A portable security module (52) adapted for use in the recording means of claim 21 and characterised in comprising a recording encryption key (E(NE)) for encryption of transmitted digital information for subsequent recordal and a recording transport key (RT(A)) for encryption of the recording encryption key for subsequent recordal.
- 15 23. A decoder means (20) adapted for use in a method as claimed in any of claims 14 to 20 including a security module (30) adapted to store a copy of the recording transport key (RT(A)).
- 20 24. A decoder means (20) as claimed in claim 23 including a security module (30) adapted to descramble transmitted information using one or more transmission access keys (K0(NS), K0'(Op,NS) etc.) prior to reencryption by a session key (K3(NSIM)) for subsequent communication to a recording means.
- 25 25. A portable security module (30) adapted for use in the decoder means (20) of claim 23 or 24 and comprising at least a copy of the recording transport key (RT(A)).
26. A method of recording transmitted digital data substantially as herein described.
- 30 27. A recording means substantially as herein described.
28. A portable security module substantially as herein described.

29. A decoder means substantially as herein described.

Fig.1.

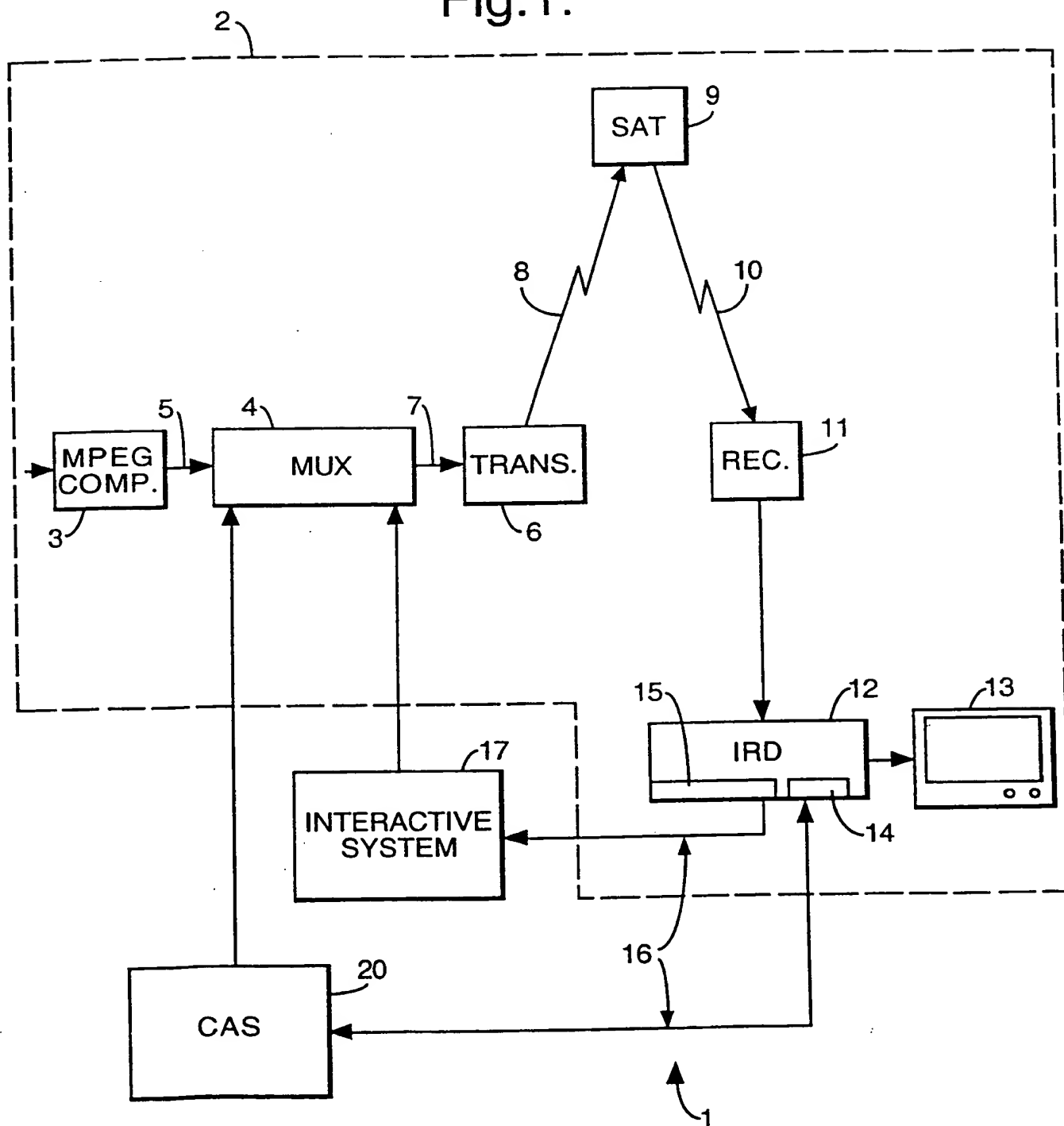


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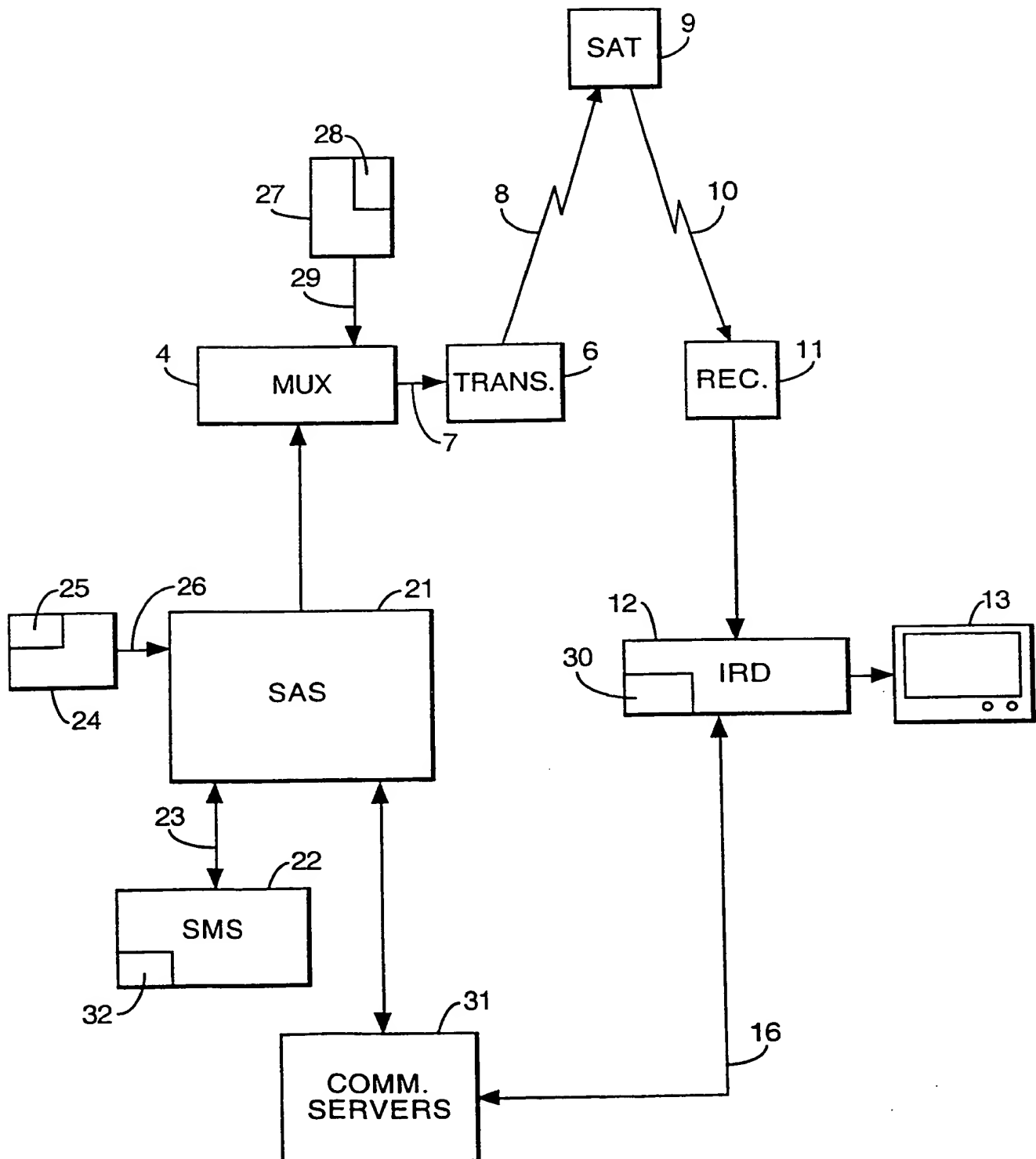


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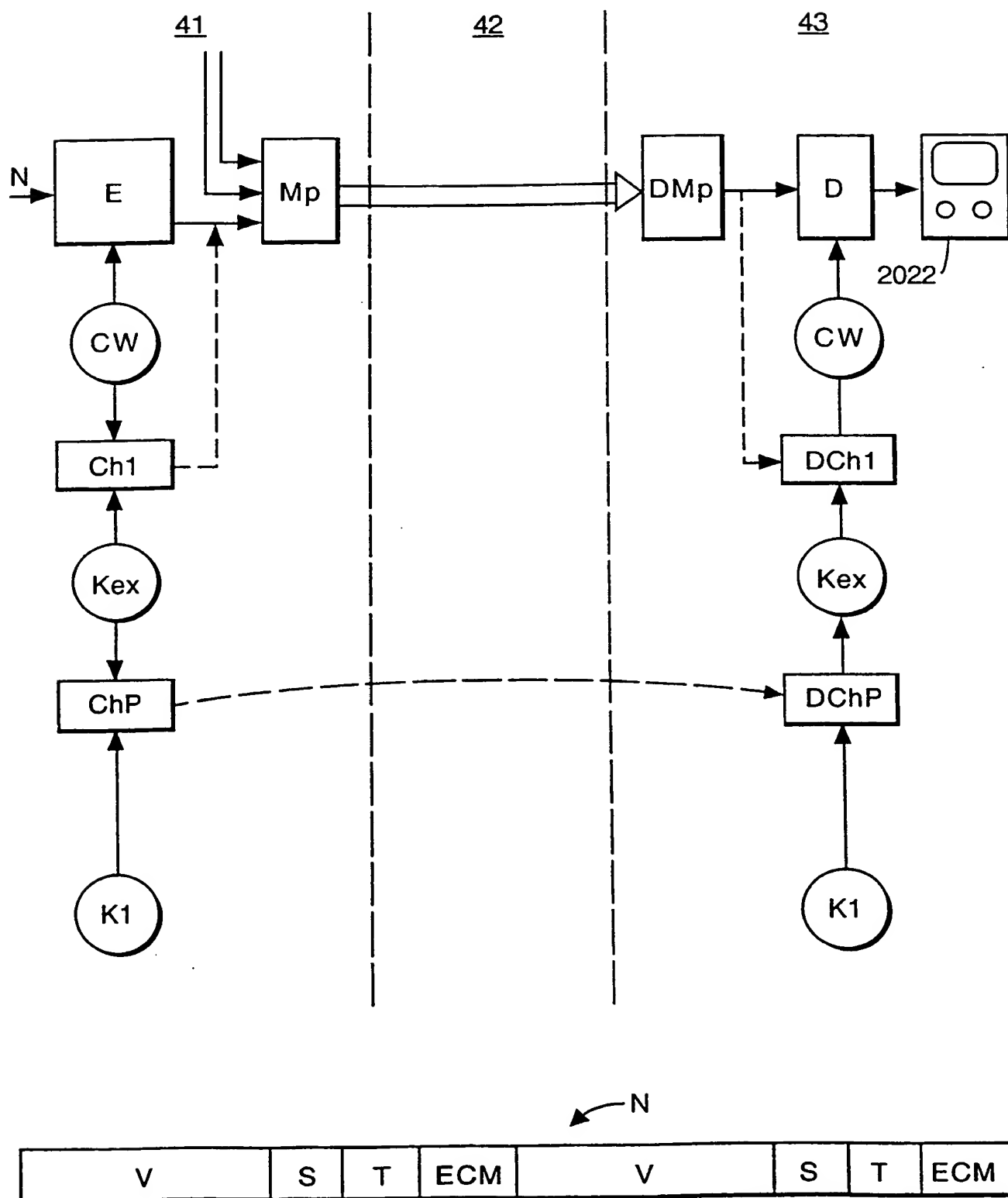


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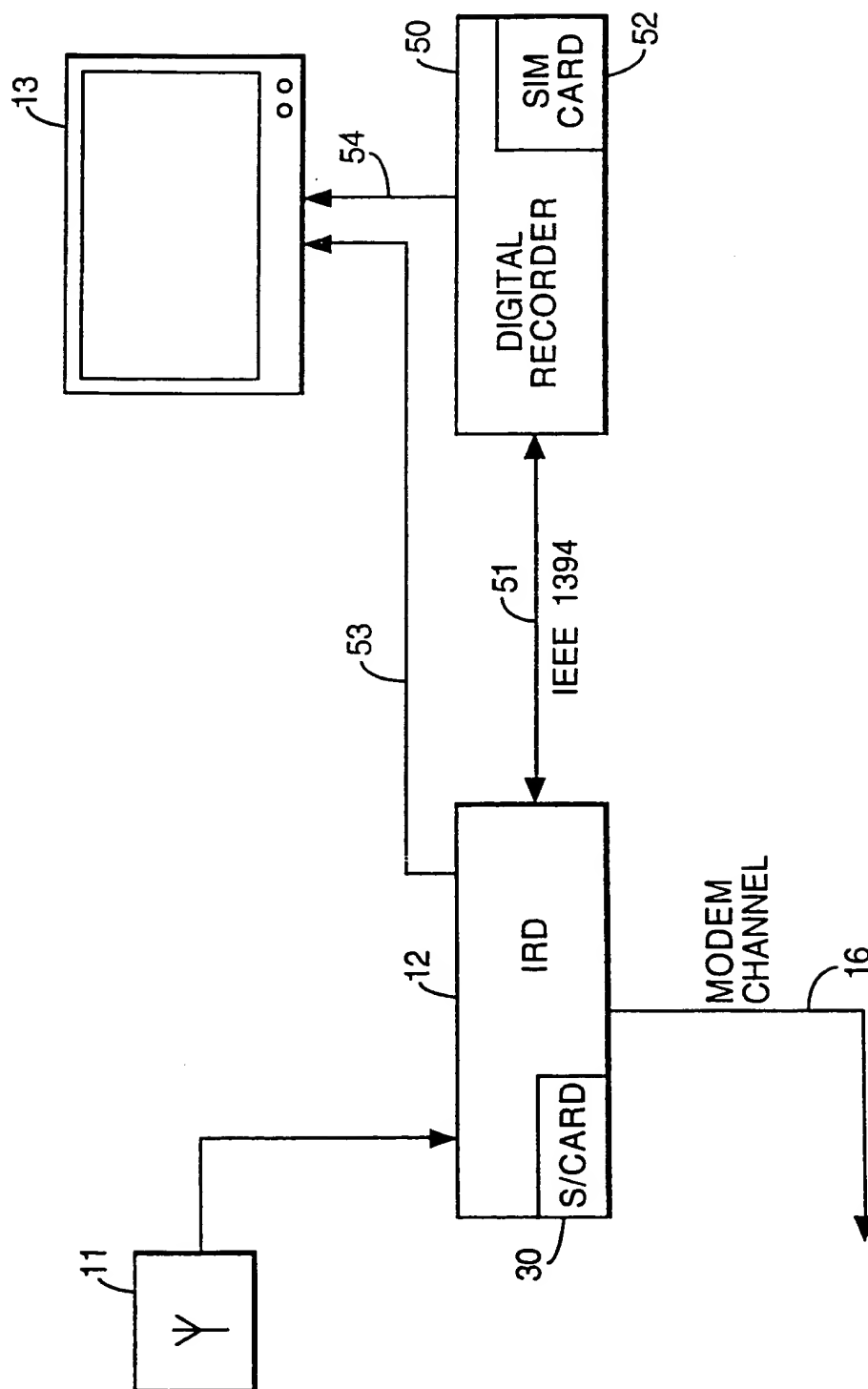
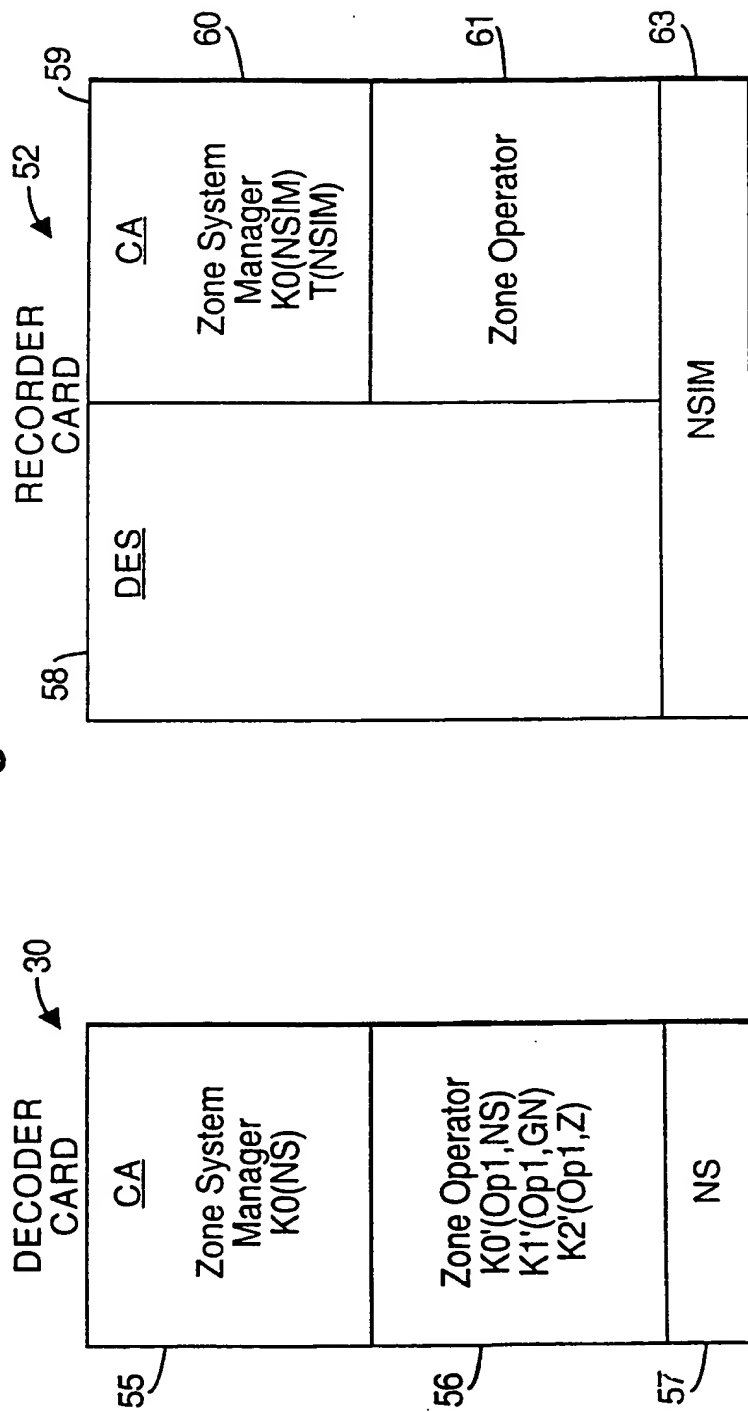


Fig.5.



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Fig.6.

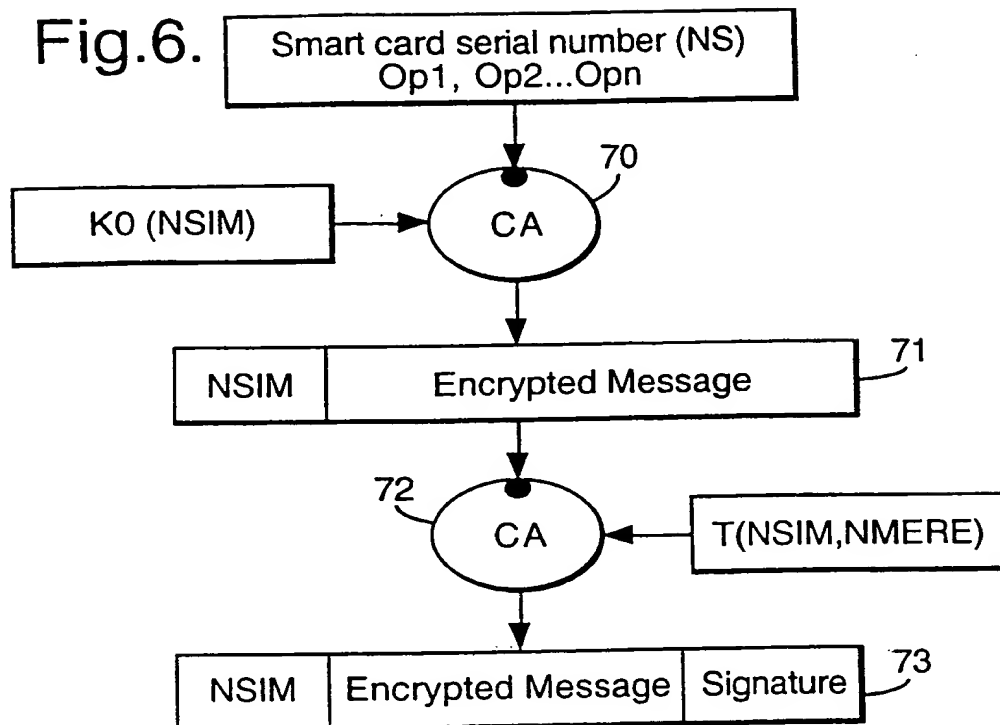
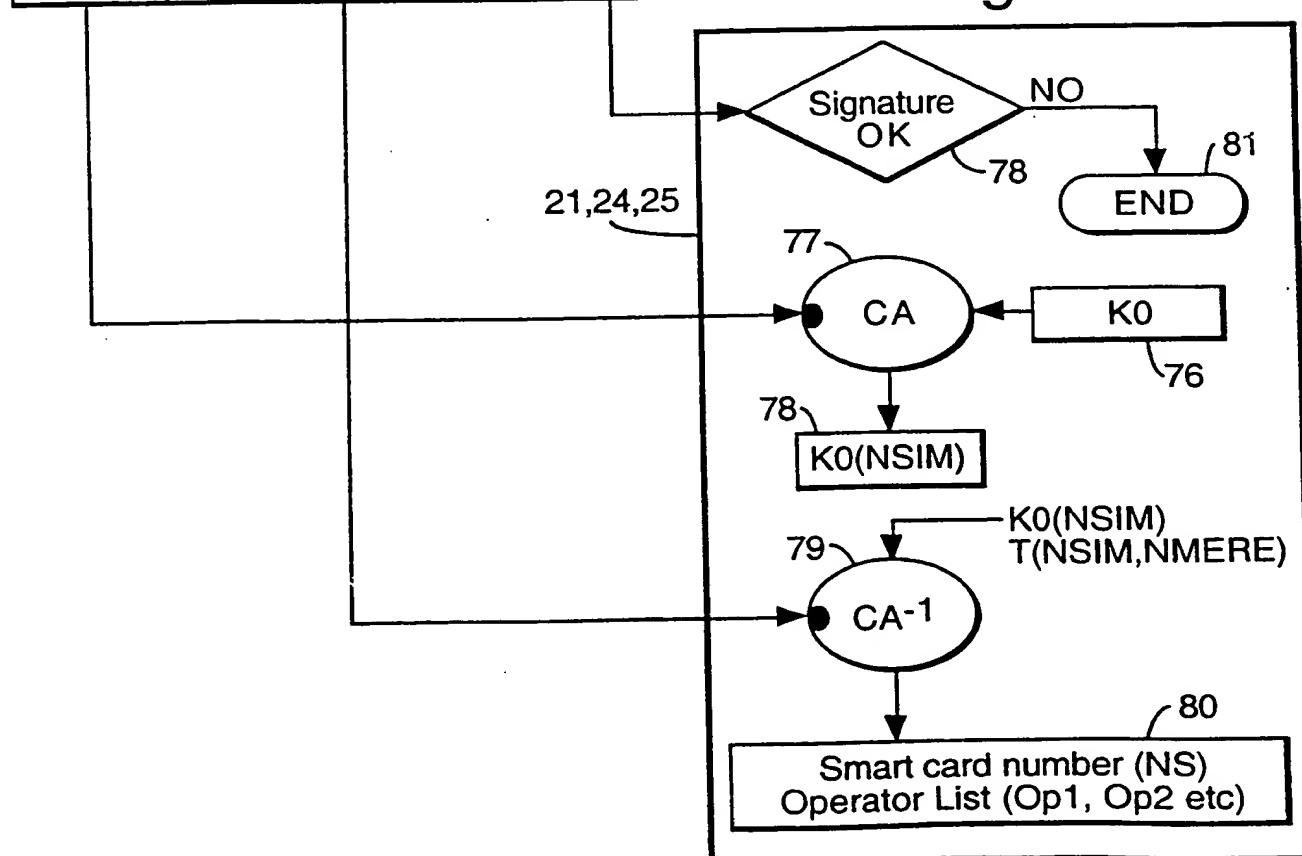


Fig.7.



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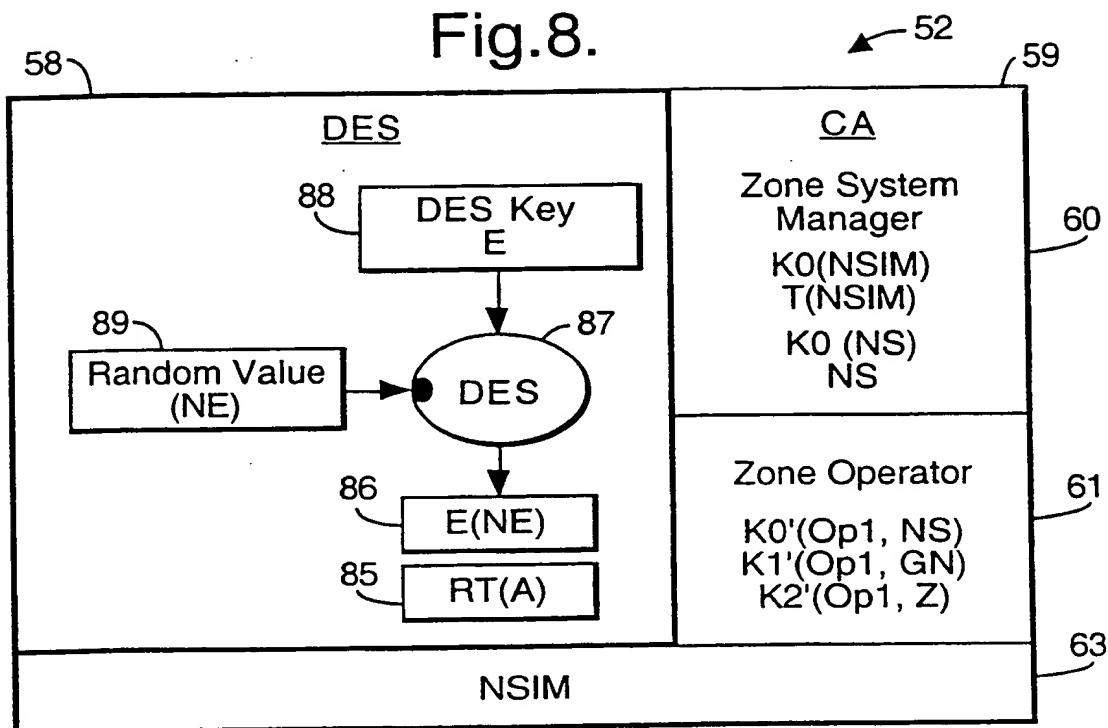


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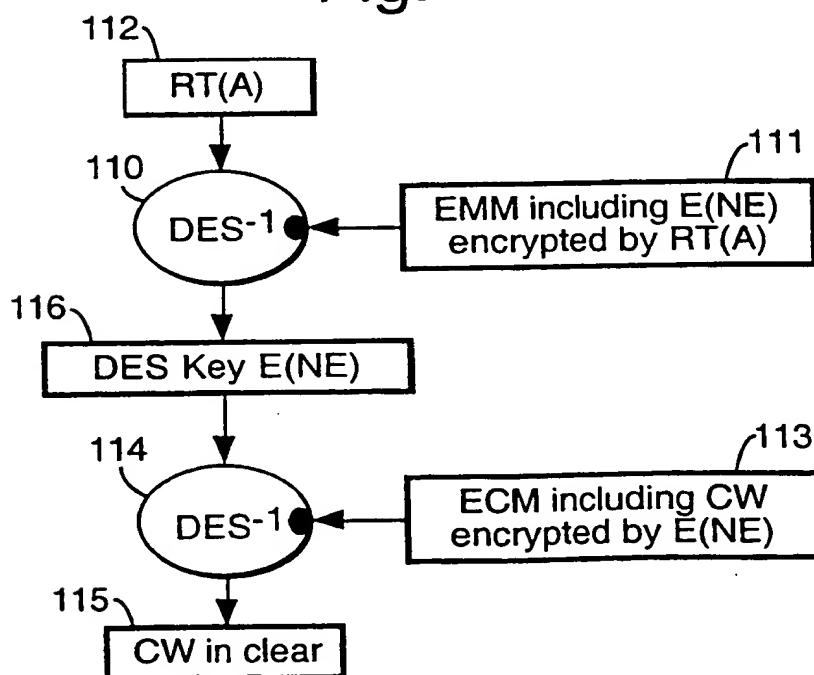


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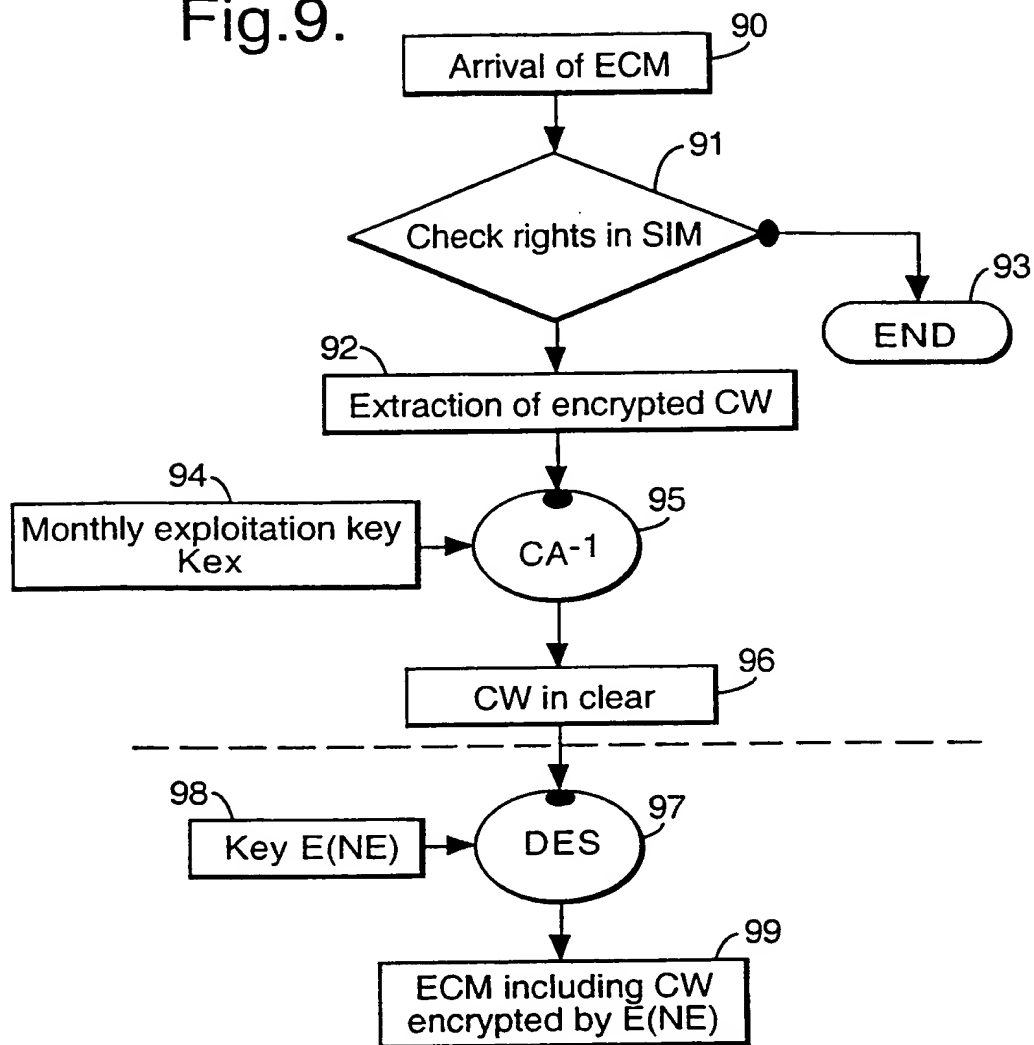


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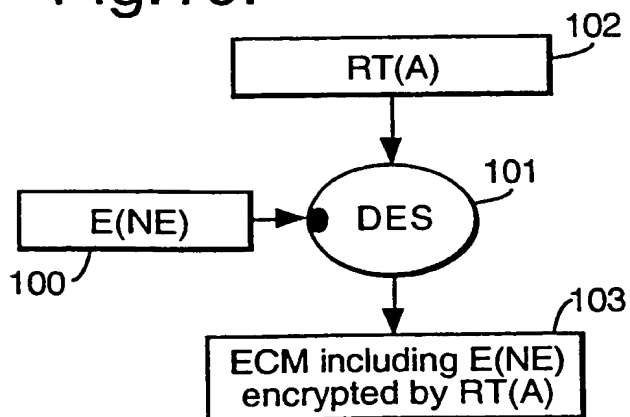
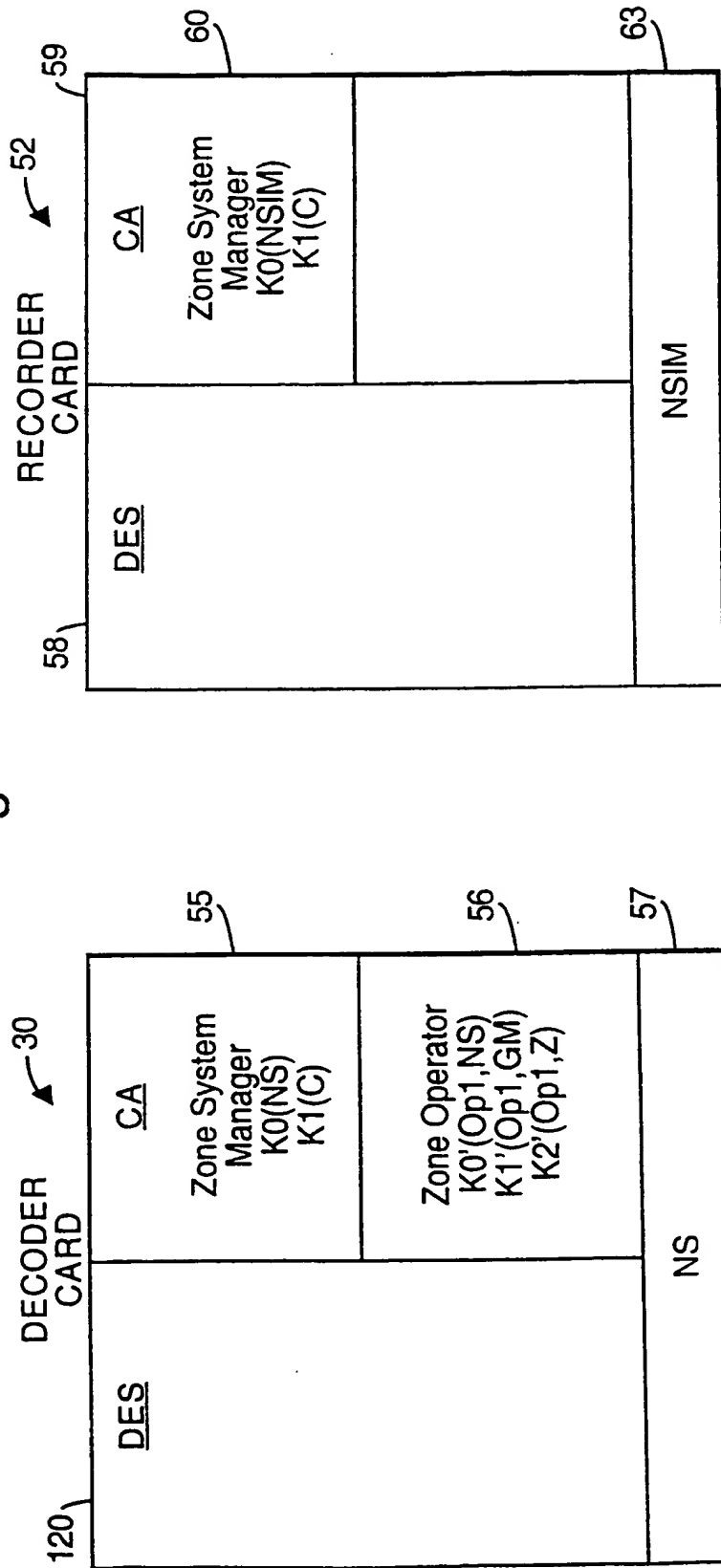
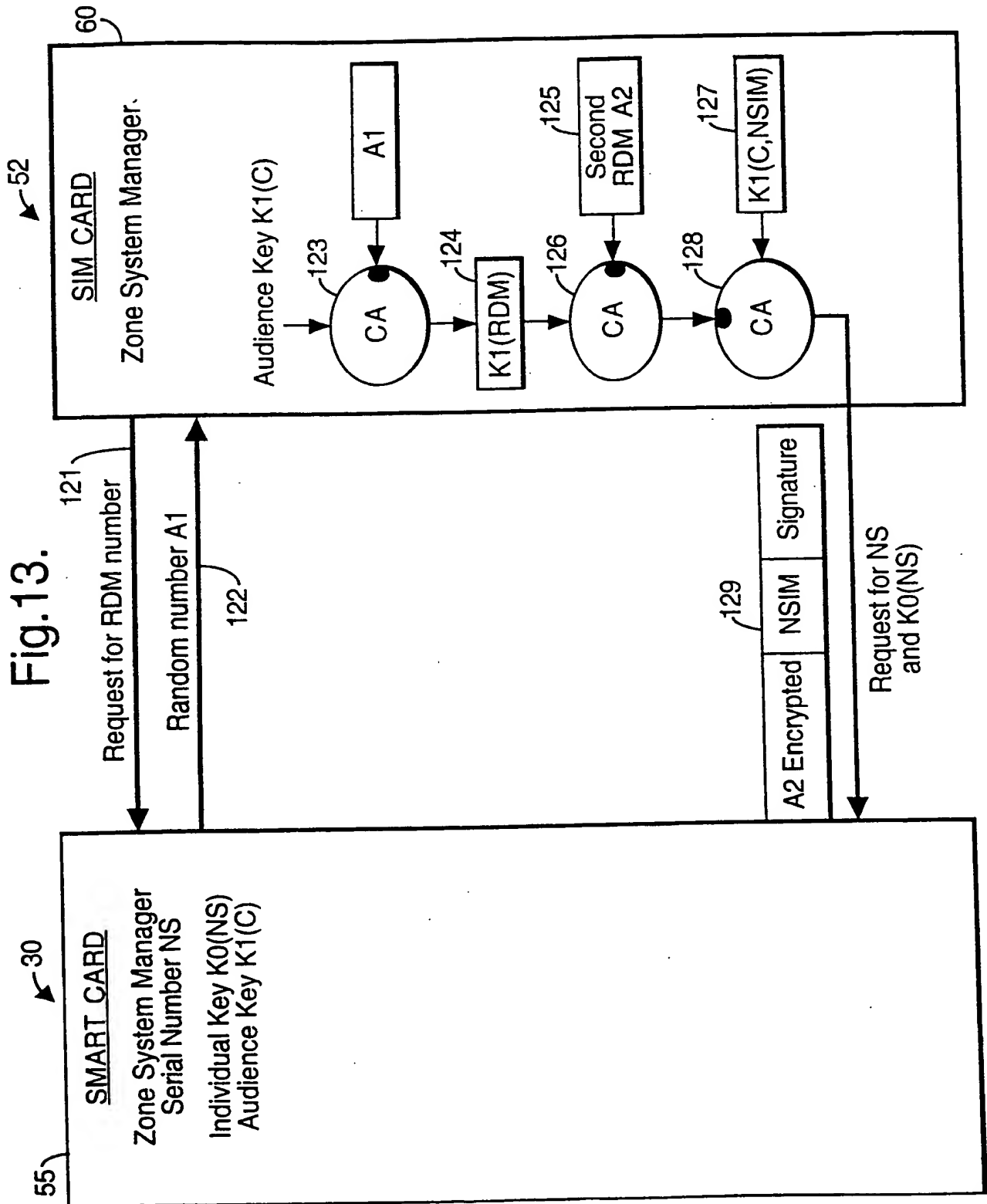


Fig.12.





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Fig.15.

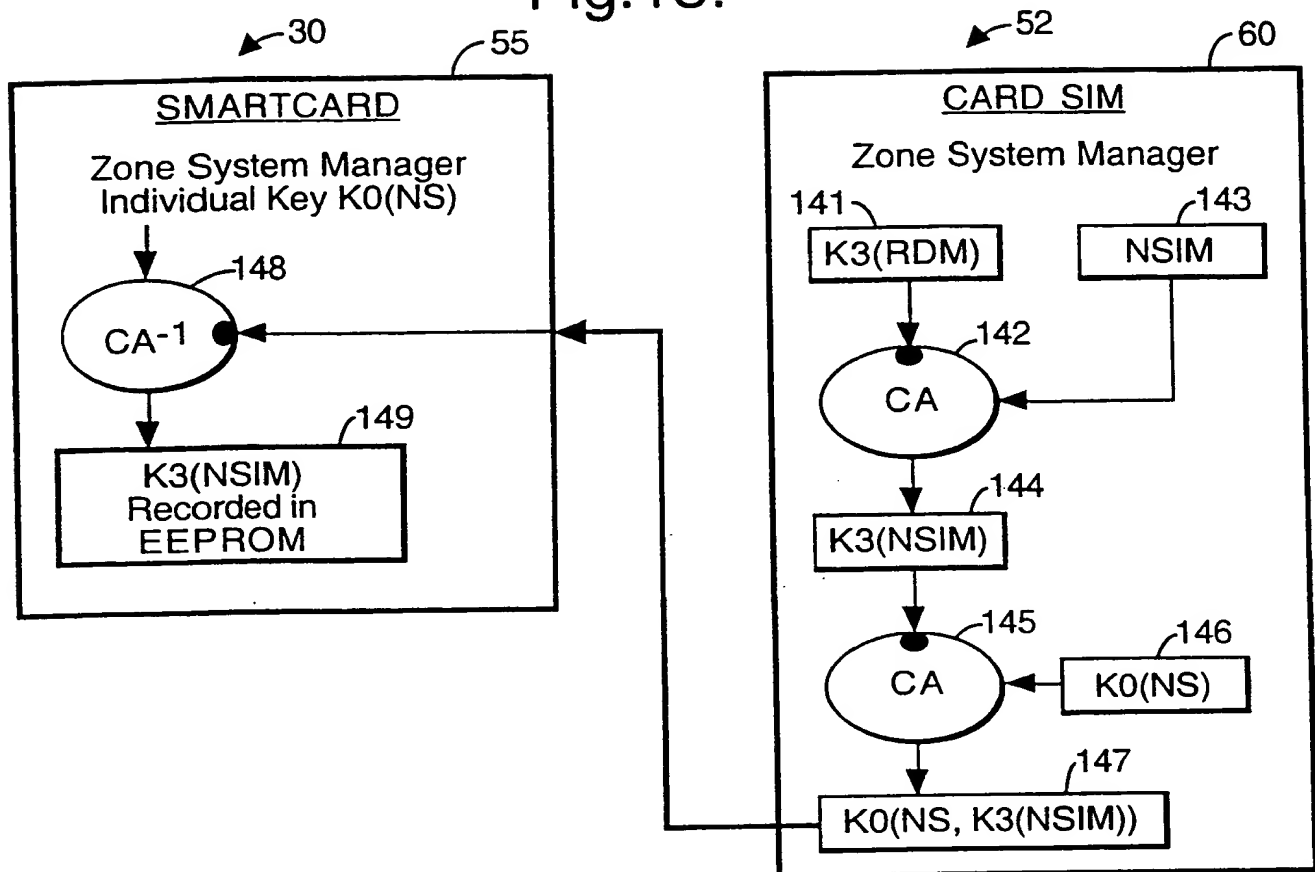


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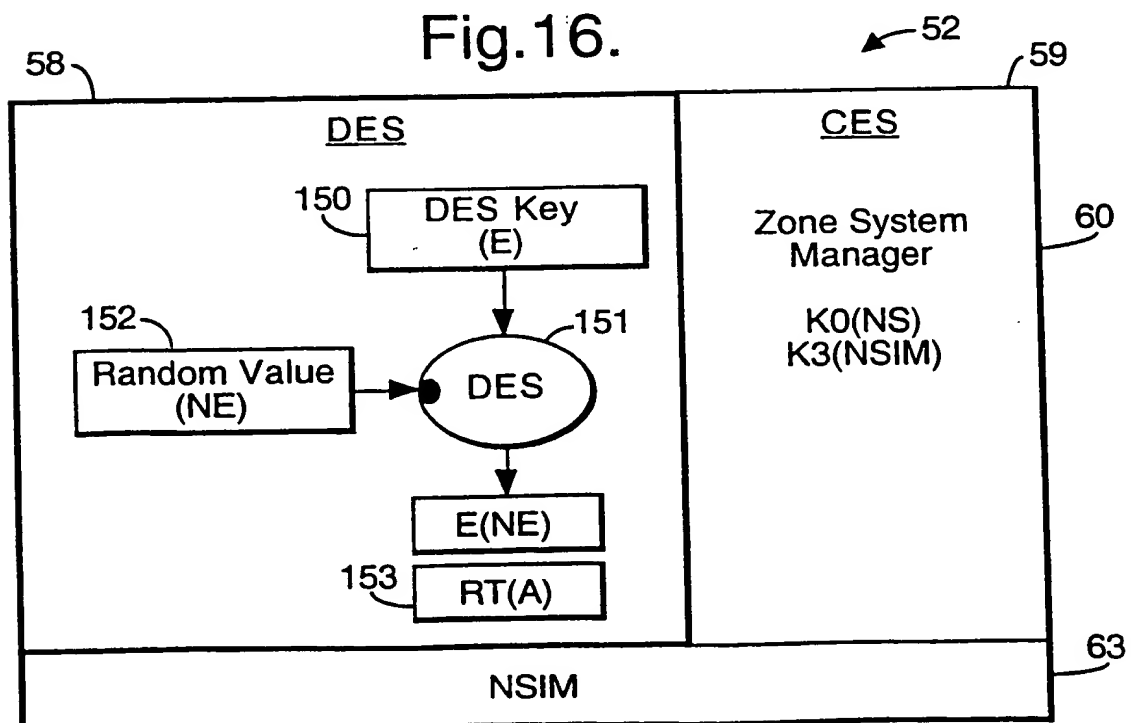


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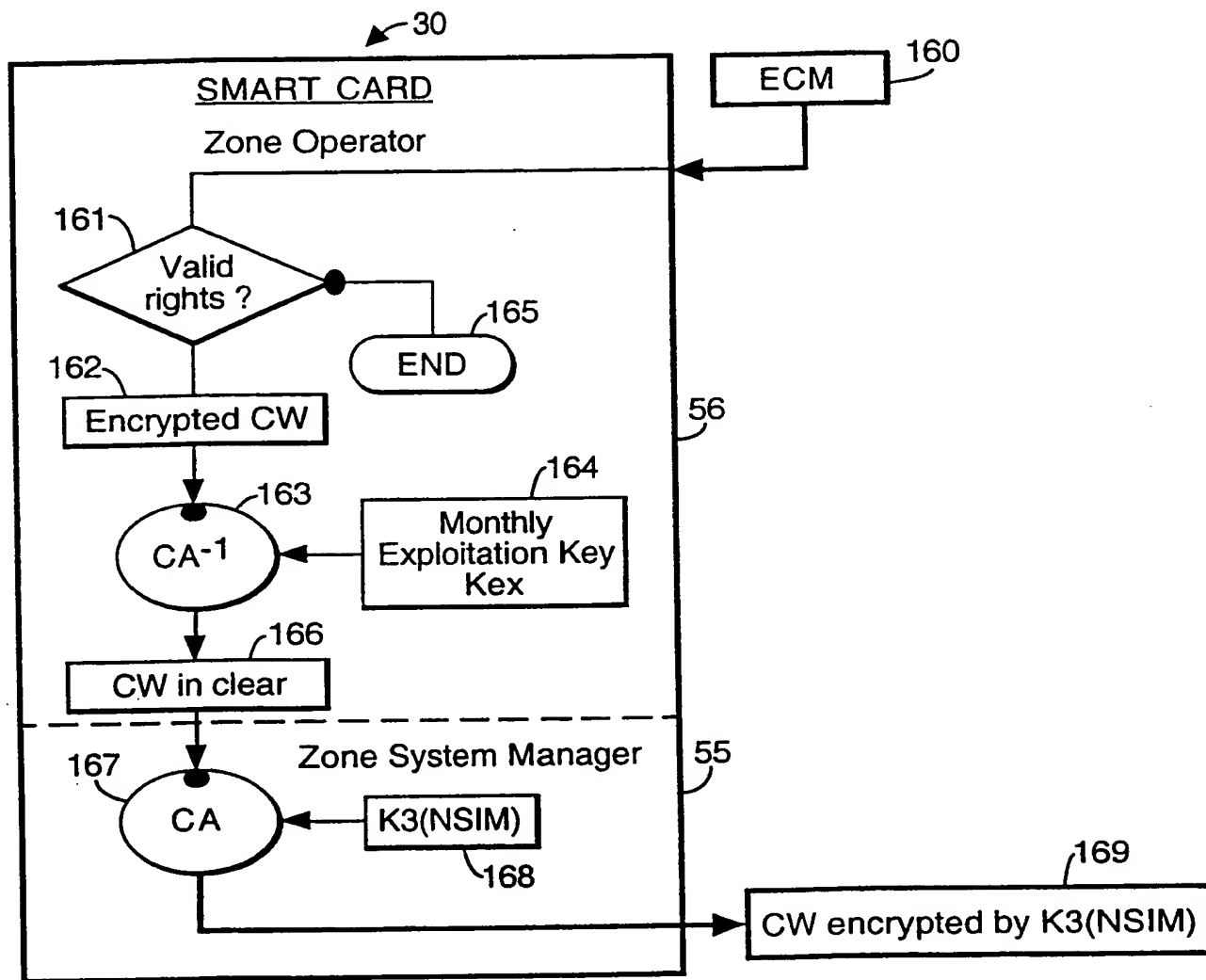


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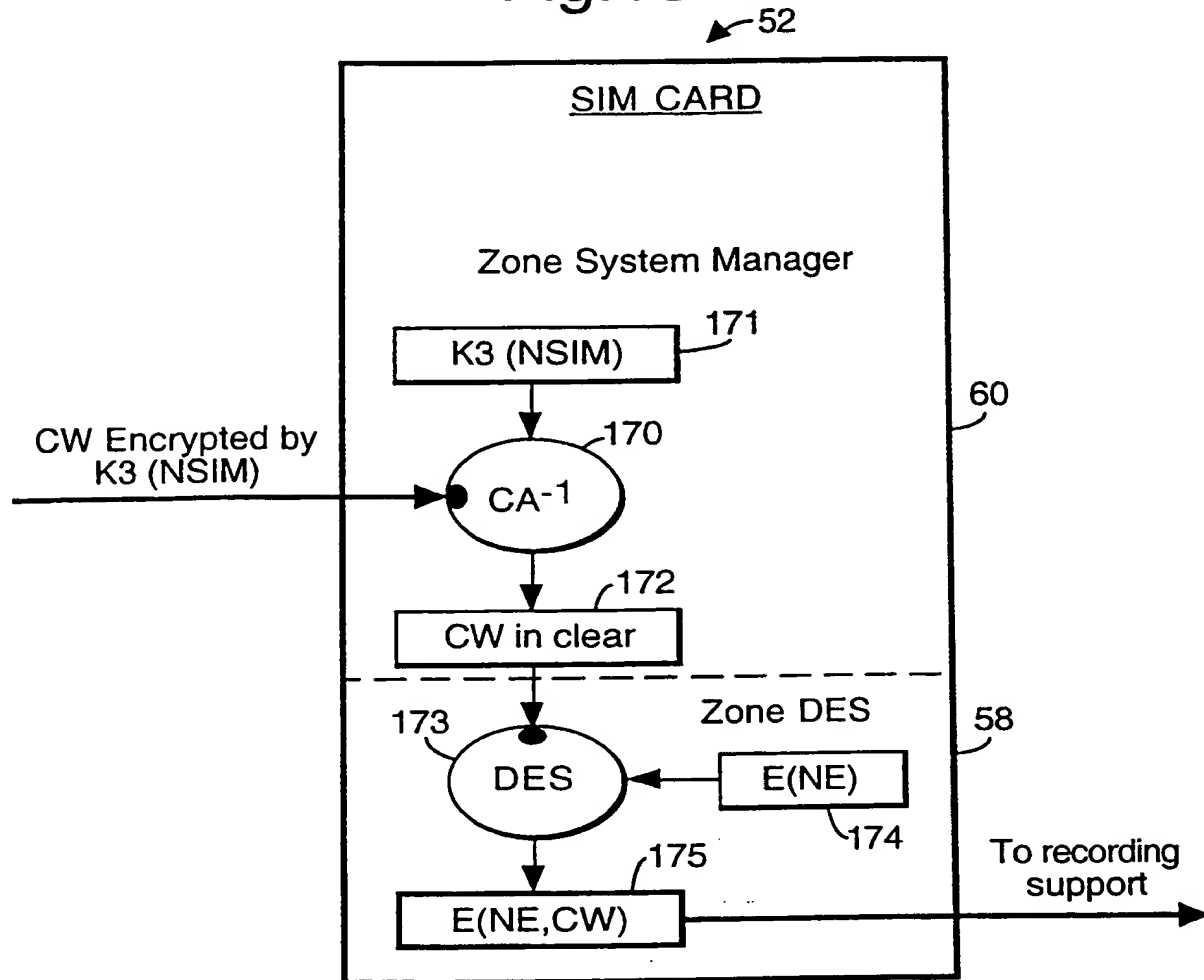
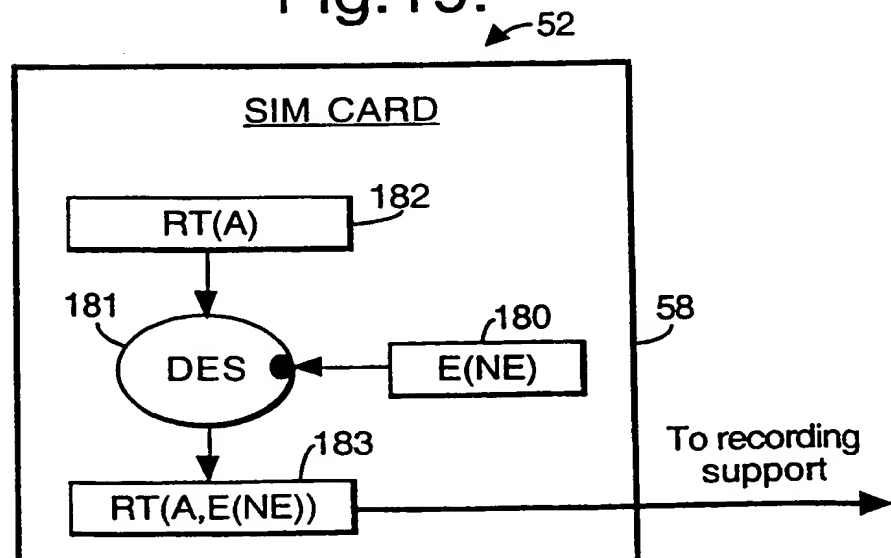
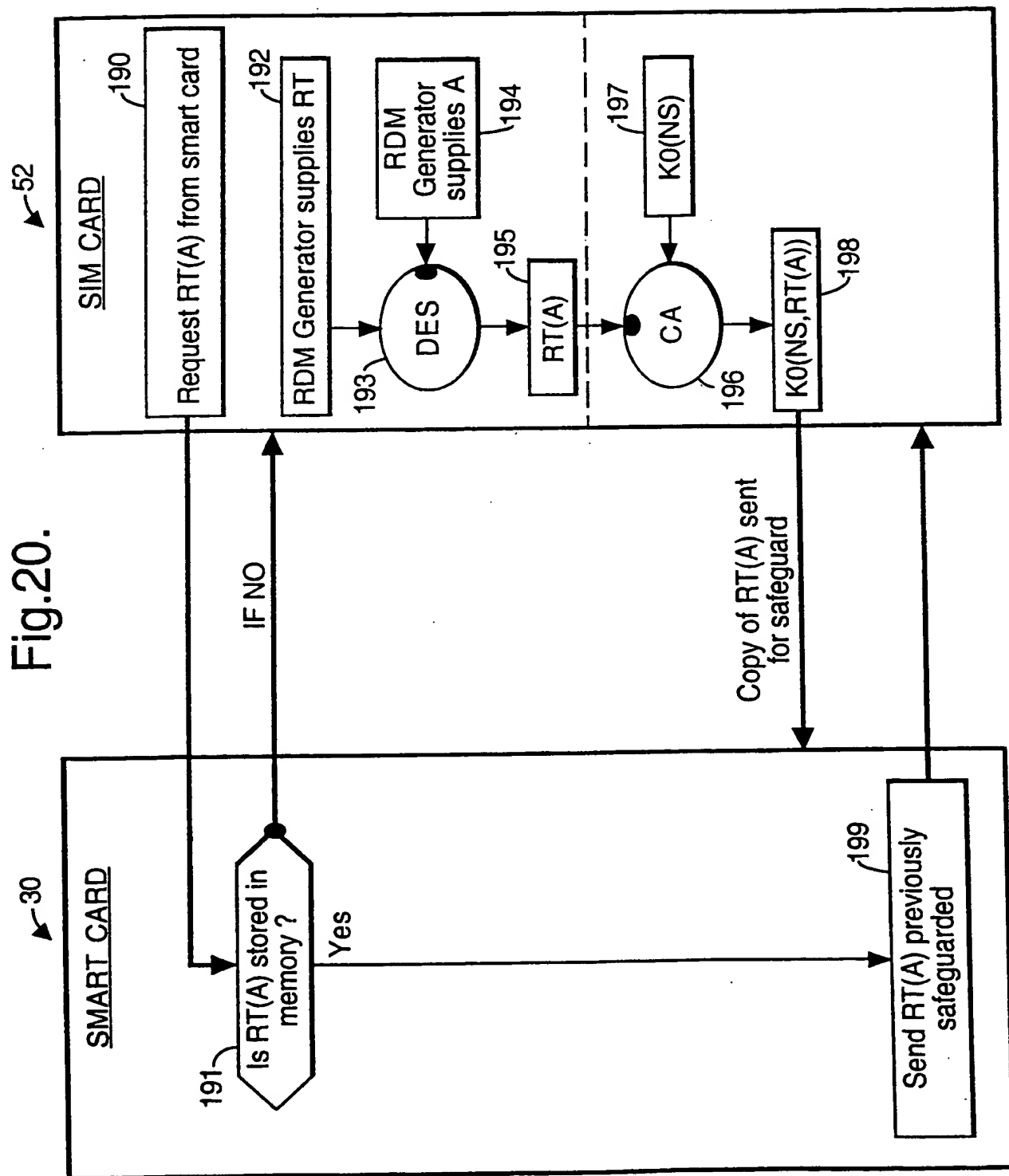


Fig.19.





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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
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Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
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A	EP 0 714 204 A (LG ELECTRONICS INC) 29 May 1996 see the whole document ---	1,26-29
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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.



2. This REPORT consists of a total of 6 sheets, including this cover sheet.

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3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☒ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☒ Certain observations on the international application

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I. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of (*substitute sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments.*):

Description, pages:

1-31 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

1-29 as originally filed

Drawings, sheets:

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2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages:
☐ the claims, Nos.:
☐ the drawings, sheets:

3. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims
	No:	Claims 1, 2, 21-29
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims
	No:	Claims 3-20
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims 1-29
	No:	Claims

2. Citations and explanations

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VII. Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:

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VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

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The following documents are referred to in this communication; the numbering will be adhered to in the rest of the procedure:

D1: FR-A-2,732,537

D2: EP-A-0 763 936

Section V:

1. Claims 1, 21:

Document D1 is regarded as being the closest prior art to the subject-matter of claim 1, and insofar as this claim can be understood (see Section VIII below), this document shows (the references in parentheses applying to this document) a method of recording transmitted digital data in which transmitted digital information is encrypted and stored (see page 7 line 16-18) on a recording support medium and characterised in that an equivalent of the recording encryption key is encrypted and stored on the support medium together with the encrypted information (see ECM in fig. 2 and page 5, lines 7 to 11).

Since all features of claim 1 are considered to be known from the prior art, the requirements with respect to novelty are not met (Art. 33(2) PCT).

The features of the recording means of claim 21 correspond to the method steps of claim 1 in such a way that the objection with respect to novelty likewise applies against present claim 21 (Art. 33(2) PCT).

2. Claims 2 to 20:

The additional features of claim 2 to 20 are either known (see e.g. claim 2: control word information usable to descramble a scrambled data transmission; see deciphering key DCh1 in fig. 1 of document D1) from the prior art documents cited in the International Search Report or generally known in the technical field of cyphering and the inclusion of such features is regarded as part of the customary praxis the skilled person would consider in accordance with circumstances.

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Hence, the subject-matter of claims 2 to 20 is not considered to be novel or does not involve an inventive step as required by Articles 33(2) and (3) PCT.

3. Claims 22 to 29:

In as far as these claims can be understood (see Section VIII below) the following remarks are to be made:

A portable security module of the type claimed in claim 22 comprising a recording encryption key and a recording transport key are considered to be known in the prior art (see document D2, smart card 221 in fig. 17 and col. 18, line 43 to col. 19 line 8).

Hence, claim 22 cannot be allowed because of lack of novelty of the subject-matter claimed (Art.33(2) PCT).

The objection raised with respect to claim 22 similarly applies mutatis mutandis to claims 23 to 29.

4. The claims have industrial applicability as required in accordance with Art. 33(4) PCT since the subject-matter claimed can be made or used in industry.

Section VII:

The claims are not in the two-part form with all the features of the closest prior art document (at present document D1) being comprised in the generic part of the claim (Rule 6.3(b)(i) PCT) and with the remaining features being included in a characterising part (Rule 6.3(b)(ii) PCT).

Section VIII:

1. For the following reasons claims 1, 21 to 29 do not meet the conciseness requirements of Article 6 PCT:

Although these claims have been drafted as separate independent claims, they appear to relate effectively to the same subject-matter or at least having overlapping scope and differ from each other only with regard to the definition of the subject-matter for which protection is sought. The aforementioned claims therefore lack conciseness. Moreover, lack of clarity of the claims as a whole arises, since the plurality of independent claims makes it difficult, if not impossible, to determine the matter for which protection is sought, and places an undue burden on others seeking to establish the extent of the protection.

In this case it appears that one independent method claim and one independent apparatus claim would be sufficient.

2. Clarity (Art. 6 PCT):

2.1 Claims 1 and 21:

It is not clear in which way the recording encryption key and the transport key differ from each other, since both keys are stored on the support medium together with the encrypted information. In this context it is unclear, what is to be understood by "equivalent" of the recording encryption key".

It is further unclear, whether the keys are transmitted together with the encrypted information or not.

Therefore, the requirements with respect to clarity are not met for claims 1 and 21 (Art. 6 PCT).

2.2 Claims 22 to 29:

The subject-matter of claims 22 to 29 is considered to be undefined, since these claims do not comprise all essential features for carrying out the alleged invention (Art. 6 PCT).